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Lebanon, Israel agree Troop pullout parley to start next week

TEL AVIV, Dec. 22 (AP) — Israel and Lebanon, probably with American help, start talks next week on withdrawing Israeli invasion forces in a package deal that will include normalizing relations, Israeli officials said Wednesday.

The timing and the venue of the talks were worked out in quiet contacts and Israel's decision Sunday to rescind its insistence that the talks be held alternately in Beirut and occupied Jerusalem.

The officials, who declined to be named because some details had yet to be decided, said the delegations were most likely to meet in the southern Beirut suburb of Khalde and in the Israeli border town of Kiryat Shmona.

The Israeli delegation will be led by David Kimche, the foreign ministry director-general who was active in building contacts with the Lebanese before and during the Israeli invasion that began June 6.

Israel insisted that civilians lead the delegations to underscore what it hoped would be the political gains of its unpopular war.

Defense Minister Ariel Sharon, who negotiated the framework agreement which led to the talks, has said a key element would be a non-belligerency pact and a border open for the crossing of goods and people.

Though the Lebanese say publicly that normalization is not their aim, Sharon repeated during the border tour: "The central issue under discussion is the security arrangements and normalization between Israel and Lebanon."

The level of U.S. representation in the talks was not clear. The State Department said Tuesday it would not rule out the return of presidential Envoy Philip Habib.

Before he left the Middle East last week, Habib reportedly was aiming for a partial pullback by all sides to disengage the tense front lines in Lebanon's eastern Bekaa Valley.

Iraq said using killer gas

NICOSIA, Dec. 22 (AP) — Iran charged Tuesday that Iraq had used chemical weapons in shelling an Iranian border town, while Iranian President Ali Khamenei warned continued Iraqi air and rocket attacks would force Iran to go on with the 27-month-old war with Iraq.

The official Iranian news agency, IRNA, said the Nasirshahr area in the Kurdish populated Bakhtaran province in western Iran came under chemical shelling at 1945 local time (1615 GMT) Sunday.

The exploding shells caused nausea, the agency added, but it did not identify the chemical agent.

The alleged use of chemical weapons by Iraq coincided with the Iraqi rocketing of the southern Iranian city of Dezful in retaliation of the car-bombing by Iranian-backed Iraqi underground fighters of the Iraqi News Agency building in Baghdad last Wednesday.

According to Iranian announcement, exploding long-range missiles fired by the Iraqis killed 62 persons and wounded 287 others in the Iranian city. Since then, the two warring countries have been exchanging threats of retaliation and counter-retaliation.

IRNA quoted Khamenei as saying following a meeting with Ayatollah Khomeini that the rockets had "disproved Iraq's alleged concern for a peaceful settlement of the Iran-Iraq conflict."

IRNA quoted Khamenei as saying he was hopeful that "in the foreseeable future, Iran's defense capabilities would grow sufficiently to blunt any similar attacks within its territory."

"It is an utterly erroneous assumption by Baghdad to fancy that by indulging in such

On joining peace efforts Jordan keeps U.S. guessing

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22 (Agencies) — President Ronald Reagan, stone-faced when he greeted Israeli visitors earlier this year, gave a warm White House reception to King Hussein of Jordan, but despite pressure, Hussein did not commit himself to joining Middle East peace talks.

Reagan, after two-hour meeting with Jordan's King Hussein Tuesday, said "we share a sense of urgency" about the need for peace in the Middle East.

In remarks upon leaving the White House, Hussein did not say whether he would join Reagan's Sept. 1 peace initiative, but both Reagan and Hussein said they would meet again within the next few days.

"Thoughts of peace were very much on our minds," said Reagan in a statement upon Hussein's departure.

"I told the king of my personal commitment to see peace in the Middle East become a true and lasting reality and my equally deep commitment to the proposals we made September first to Israel, to the Palestinians and to the Arab states," Reagan said.

Reagan said they spoke with "candor and goodwill." He said they discussed "our hopes and dreams about our common goal of a just and lasting peace" in the region between Israel and Arab states.

Hussein said he and Reagan discussed "the many problems of mutual concern and interest and many challenges that lie before us."

"We look forward to continuing our discussions in coming days. This is an opportunity for me to reaffirm a long-life commitment for the establishment of a just and lasting peace in the Middle East."

"We will continue to do our utmost," the king said.

A State Department official who briefed reporters on the Reagan-Hussein talks said the monarch made clear it would be easier for Jordan to join the peace negotiations if Israel stopped building and expanding its settlements in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip. He said Hussein viewed the continued building of settlements "as irrefutable evidence of the unwillingness of the Israeli government to enter negotiations in good faith."

Reagan's Sept. 1 peace initiative called for a freeze on settlements construction, but Israel has ignored it. The plan also calls for an Israeli withdrawal from the occupied territories.

Concerning the Palestinian position, a ranking U.S. official said King Hussein discussed his talks with Palestinian leaders last week in Amman. He also confirmed reports that Khaled Al-Hassan, a representative of Palestine Liberation Organization leader Yasser Arafat, is in Washington.

Hassan will consult with the Jordanian delegation on the PLO's position during the king's stay in Washington, informed sources said.

In his briefing of the U.S. officials on his talks with the Palestinians, King Hussein also defined "the nature of the relationship" between Jordan and the Palestinians, a high-ranking U.S. source said.

Reagan's peace plan, which calls for a Jordanian-Palestinian "association", on the West Bank, attaches much importance to this relationship.



Army patrols Sri Lanka

COLOMBO, Dec. 22 (R) — The army was called out to the streets to forestall possible post-election violence Wednesday after polls closed in a referendum on whether to give parliament another six-year term without holding a general election.

Observers said Wednesday's turnout appeared to be low compared with last October's Presidential election when 81 percent of the eight million registered voters went to the polls.

President Junius Jayewardene, who was re-elected in that poll, called the referendum to get a mandate to continue his policies.

His United National Party holds 143 of the 168 seats in the present parliament, elected five years ago. Counting will start Wednesday night and the result will be announced Thursday, officials said.

Police sources said Wednesday an opposition polling agent believed to have died of a heart attack after being assaulted by a government supporter was the only casualty so far in the controversial referendum.

Army Commander T.I. Weeraratne told Reuters troops which had been standing by in barracks during the voting were deployed half an hour after polling ended to help police in dealing with possible violence.

U.S. spurns Soviet offer

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22 (AP) — The United States has rejected the Soviet Union's latest nuclear arms control proposal saying it would leave the Soviets with 260 potent SS-20 medium-range nuclear missiles in Europe "while denying us the means to deter that threat."

John Hughes, the State Department's chief spokesman, Tuesday termed the proposal made in Moscow by Soviet leader Yuri V. Andropov "unacceptable." Andropov had proposed cutting the Soviet force by 25 percent.

"We cannot accept that the United States should agree to allow the Soviets superiority over us because the British and French maintain their own national deterrent forces," Hughes said.

"Nor can we agree that INF (intermediate nuclear force) limits should apply only in Europe," he said. "This would leave the Soviets free to threaten our Asian friends as well as to maintain a highly mobile missile force that can be moved at any time into position to threaten NATO."

"In sum," he said, "we hope the Soviets will now come to realize that we cannot give up the means to counter the nuclear threat they pose to NATO unless the threat is eliminated altogether," Hughes said.

In a briefing on the U.S. response to the Andropov proposal, senior state and defense department officials, speaking privately said the NATO allies are fully united behind U.S. Ronald Reagan's proposal to seek the "zero option" reduction of the entire class of SS-20 weapons and to deploy a counterforce of U.S.

'Big 2' maintain 'balance of terror'

BRUSSELS, Dec. 22 (AFP) — Moscow and Washington each say the other has the lead in weapons levels, but statistics compiled by the U.S. National Institute of Strategic Studies indicate a relative balance of terror.

According to the institute, the United States has a distinct advantage over the Soviet Union in nuclear warheads, without counting the proposed deployment of 100 MX missiles, but trails the Soviet Union in total megatonnage.

Institute figures show the line-up of forces as follows:

U.S. arsenal:
The United States has deployed 1,000 Minuteman and Titan missiles in land-based silos and 520 long-range multiple-warhead missiles in submarines, and has 376 B-52 and FB-111 long range strategic bombers.

Guatemala bows to rebels' demands

GUATEMALA CITY, Dec. 22 (AP) — The government agreed to demands by leftist kidnappers of the Honduran president's daughter, permitting publication Wednesday of a statement that accuses the United States of using "puppet armies" to dominate Latin America.

Publication of the communique was the only announced condition for the release of Dr. Judith Xiomara Suazo Estrada, 33, who was kidnapped Dec. 14.

Her abductors, members of a previously unknown guerrilla group, had said she would be released within 48 hours after their statement was published.

It appeared in the *Excelsior* and *Uno* Mas newspapers in Mexico and all four Honduran newspapers.

The 12-page communique, obtained in Mexico, said "yankee imperialism," wealthy oligarchs and their military dictatorships exploited and dominated Latin Americans, particularly Central Americans.

All Latin American countries, the communique stated, have felt the effects of what it called U.S. domination "in the unfolding of peace, unemployment, illness and ignorance."

It accused the United States of "directing, training and arming the oligarchs' puppet armies" to keep Latin Americans subject to "exploitation and oppression" and massacre those who resist.

It also said Honduras was a base for invasions of Nicaragua and El Salvador and for smashing revolutions in Guatemala and the

Sudan-bound arms seized at Madrid

MADRID, Dec. 22 (AP) — Foreign Affairs Ministry officials said Wednesday 14 tons of weapons being held at Madrid Airport had not come from Argentina but from Italy and that their destination was Sudan, not Iran as reported by a local newspaper.

The newspaper *El Pais* had quoted airport customs officers as saying 11 tons of pistols and submachine guns flown from Buenos Aires on their way to Iran had been seized as they lacked a permission from the Spanish government.

The report said the weapons were flown in aboard an Aerolineas Argentinas plane Tuesday to be taken to Tehran by an Iranian aircraft waiting in Madrid.

Foreign affairs officials said the weapons came from Italy and were seized about a month ago as they lacked a transit permission.

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Riyadh, Paris urge new monetary order

RIYADH, Dec. 22 (Agencies) — Saudi Arabia and France called Wednesday for "more stability and firmness for currency rates" through "rectification of the international monetary order to resuscitate global trade and economy."

This came in a press statement at the end of a two-day visit to the Kingdom by French Economics Minister Jacques Delors.

Contrary to earlier expectations, and to statements made by Delors in Paris, there was no reference whatsoever to a multi-billion-dollar loan Saudi Arabia was said ready to provide for shoring up the French franc.

The loan has been rumored for the past two weeks. But officials here have declined to make any acknowledgement, despite Delors' statement Sunday that "all details have been worked out," and there was speculation here the two countries may have differed over certain side-aspects of the loan.

The joint statement expressed "satisfaction over the growth of bilateral relations in all economic and financial fields."

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Sabotage feared in Kenya oil fire

NAIROBI, Dec. 22 (R) — A huge fire broke out at Kenya's main petroleum depot in Nairobi early Wednesday in the midst of a serious fuel shortage, and a government spokesman said sabotage could not be ruled out.

Officials at the depot, which stores fuel received by pipeline from a refinery at Mombasa, on Kenya's Indian Ocean coast, said the fire engulfed two tanks containing six million liters of petrol.

Firemen fought the night to stop the blaze spreading to 10 adjacent tanks. By mid-afternoon the fire had died down considerably but still sent huge pillars of smoke over the capital. The official Kenya News Agency said there was no information on any loss of life.

John Keen, an assistant minister in the office of President Daniel Arap Moi, told Reuters that "sabotage cannot be ruled out" but declined to speculate as to what motive saboteurs might have.

For the past two weeks Kenya has suffered a serious fuel shortage which the government has blamed on poor distribution.

Keen said that the fire meant that the government-run pipeline, which pumps all fuel products along the 480 kilometers from the refinery to the depot, would be temporarily closed.

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Kingdom happy with OPEC agreement

BAHRAIN, Dec. 22 (Agencies) — Fahad Al-Khayaal, deputy minister for companies and technical affairs in the ministry of Petroleum and Minerals was quoted Wednesday as saying the Kingdom was happy with the outcome of this week's conference in Vienna of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC).

OPEC ministers agreed at the conference to raise the organization's output ceiling from 17.5 to 18.5 million barrels per day (BPD) over the new year and maintain the current reference price of \$34 a barrel but failed to set national quotas.

"The Kingdom is pleased with the results of the ministerial conference," Khayaal told *Okaz* in an interview.

But Khayaal said the decision on the new ceiling did not mean an immediate increase in production, and added that the Kingdom would defend the \$34 price.

He said Saudi Arabia, the world's top oil exporter, did not say it would reduce or raise its output, which was dictated only by market needs and not by conference lobbying.

He said price discounting by some OPEC member states had hurt the group's members and contributed to the market glut.

Iraq ambassador praises Kingdom's efforts to strengthen solidarity

RIYADH, Dec. 22 (SPA) — The efforts undertaken by King Fahd to solve the disputes between the Arab states were praised by Iraq Ambassador to the Kingdom Shafiq Al-Daragi. The ambassador described the Kingdom's efforts as aiming to strengthen Arab solidarity and to freeze at least the current disputes.

Moreover, the ambassador who was talking to *Al-Jazira* published here Wednesday, dealt with the Iraqi-Iranian war and called the Arabs to adopt a clear Pan-Arab stand to let Iran understand that it is not facing Iraq alone.

Iraq's positive attitude toward peaceful

Group chief expected More IMF credit sought

By K.S. Ramkumar
Arab News Staff

JEDDAH, Dec. 22 — Sir Geoffrey Howe, Britain's Chancellor of the Exchequer will visit the Kingdom early in the new year for talks on increasing the amount of credit available from the International Monetary Fund (IMF).

British Commercial Counsellor David Goro-Broth said that no dates have yet been fixed. Nor is it known how much money Sir Geoffrey is hoping to ask the Kingdom's authorities to provide.

Sir Geoffrey, who took over this week as head of the IMF's key steering group — the 22-member Interim Committee, will be accompanied by Fund Managing Director Jacques De Larosiere in a bid to borrow more money from the Kingdom.

The IMF has been trying to boost its ability to lend money to countries like Brazil, Mexico and Argentina that have run into credit crises.

Last year, the Kingdom agreed to lend the organization \$4.4 billion Special Drawing Rights (SDRs) in 1981 and 1982 but said further loans in 1983 will be made only if its finances permit.

Sir Geoffrey, 56, is a Conservative Member of Parliament for Surrey East, was chairman of the Ely Hospital (Cardiff) inquiry into the alleged ill-treatment of patients.

In 1970 Sir Geoffrey was appointed Solicitor General (the second of the two law officers of the Crown in England and Wales) and received a knighthood. From 1972 to 1974, he was Minister for Trade and Consumer Affairs, being created



Sir Geoffrey Howe

a Privy Counsellor in 1972. (He is now a vice-president of the Consumers' Association).

Pilots graduate from King Faisal air college

RIYADH, Dec. 22 (SPA) — The King Faisal Air College here celebrated the graduation of its 23rd class of pilots under the auspices of the Minister of Aviation Prince Sultan bin Abdul Aziz.

The graduates included students of Arab and other countries; the ceremony was presided over by Prince Sultan bin Abdul Aziz.

Among the graduates were Col. Mansour bin Abdul Aziz, welcomed Prince Sultan bin Abdul Aziz and foreign delegates saying

that the college trains citizens of the Kingdom and sisterly friendly countries to graduate as highly skilled pilots who can fly various types of aircraft.

Addressing the audience, Col. Jaawini said the late King Abdul Aziz laid the foundation pillars of this nation aware that only through faith, knowledge and the application of the Sharia will this edifice prosper. The security, stability and prosperity of the Kingdom is a result of its leadership abiding by the principles of Islam.

He added that graduates of this college are now in leading posts in the air forces of the Kingdom and other sisterly and friendly countries. He urged Saudi Arabian youth to join the college and become pilots who will fly the latest aircraft to defend their religion, king and nation.

A statement on behalf of the graduates was read by one of the pilots who highlighted the sound training and good care given to them. Later, a parade was staged before Prince Abdul Rahman's platform and the graduates took their oath. This was followed by an aerial demonstration in which F-15 fighter planes and F-5 training aircraft took part.

Speaking to reporters later, Prince Abdul Rahman said that Saudi Arabian youth have excelled their tasks as shown in the aerial demonstration during which they flew the best jets in the world.

"They have proven their capabilities and skillfulness," he said.

\$500m Islamic Bank in Malaysia starts next year

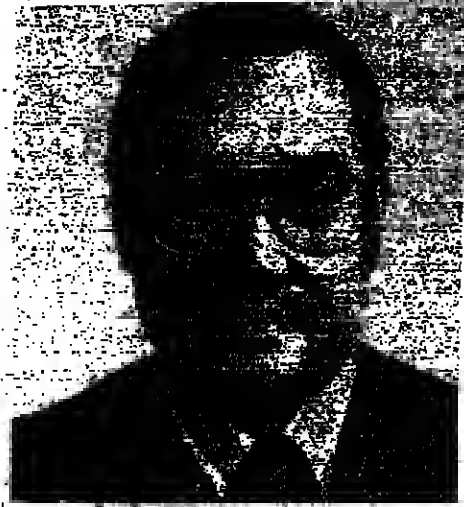
By Suresh Shah
Arab News Staff

JEDDAH, Dec. 22 — The Islamic Bank of Malaysia, the first of its kind in the Far East, with an authorized capital of \$500 million has come into existence with the passing of the Islamic Bank Bill of 1982 by the Malaysian Parliament early this month. The bank is expected to start operations early next year, according to Datuk Haji Mokhtar Ahmad, information secretary at the Malaysian Embassy here.

The bank with Executive Chairman and Managing Director Dr. Abdul Halim Ismail, will have an initial paid-up capital of \$100 million, the main shareholder is the Malaysian government, which would invest \$30 million.

He said the Finance Minister Tengku Razaleigh had informed the parliament that other shareholders are state religious affairs councils, \$25 million, Tabung Haji, \$10 million and Perkim, \$5 million. The other \$30 million will be invested by various Islamic agencies like Felda, Lembaga Tabung Angkatan Tentera and other agencies qualified to do so. Equity participation by individuals will not be encouraged at the initial stage.

He told *Arab News*, a Shariah Supervisory Council will be set up to advise the board of directors on the operations of the bank in matters relating to the Islamic religion. It will have an organizational structure that reflects its main objectives and functions. Initially it will have three main sections: savings, investments and administration.



Datuk Haji Mokhtar Ahmad

While passing the bill the finance minister had called for the support of all sectors to ensure the success of the project. He emphasized that setting up of the bank was a sincere desire of Muslim community and reflected government's awareness of its responsibility in upholding the teachings of Islam.

Mokhtar Ahmad said the minister stressed the government plans to introduce Islamic values in the country's financial system and setting up of this bank was a move in that direction. The main objective is to create a financial institution, which can carry out its operations in accordance with Islamic principles. This would enable Muslims in the country to conduct financial transactions in accordance with "Hukum Syarak," he added.

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Talal briefs Abdullah

RIYADH, — Crown Prince Abdullah, the first deputy premier and commander of the National Guard has received Prince Talal bin Abdul Aziz, the special envoy of the United Nations International Children Emergency Fund (UNICEF) and head of the Arabian Gulf Fund set-up to help United Nations institutions. Prince Talal briefed the crown prince on the effects of the recent devastating earthquake in North Yemen and on UNICEF's efforts to help the victims.

Madrid summit denied

RIYADH, (SPA) — A Royal Court spokesman has denied reports in *Al-Jazira* that a Moroccan-Algerian summit would be

held in Madrid under the auspices of his majesty King Fahd. The spokesman said there was absolutely no basis to the report.

Gabon message

RIYADH, (SPA) — Crown Prince Abdullah bin Abdulaziz received a written message on bilateral relations and matters of mutual interest from Gabonese President Omar Bongo. The message was delivered by President Bongo's son, Ali Omar Bongo. Prince Sultan bin Abdulaziz, second deputy prime minister and minister of defense and aviation, was also present at the audience.

Philanthropic donation

MAKKAH, — Prince Turki bin Abdul Aziz has donated SR1 million to the Philanthropic Foundation here. *Al-Madinah*

reported. The foundation's director has profusely thanked the prince for his noble gesture. Prince Turki also donated SR200,000 to students who led their class in passing tests at the Kingdom's universities.

Pilgrim city work

MADINAH, — Work will soon start on the first pilgrim city here on a 700,000 square meter area. *Al-Madinah* reported. The SR500 million city will take three years to complete.

Bird market to move

MAKKAH, — The market where peddlers sell birds will be moved to a new place near Al-Bazan, not far from Hawsh Al-Shami at Al-Masfala. *Okaz* reported.

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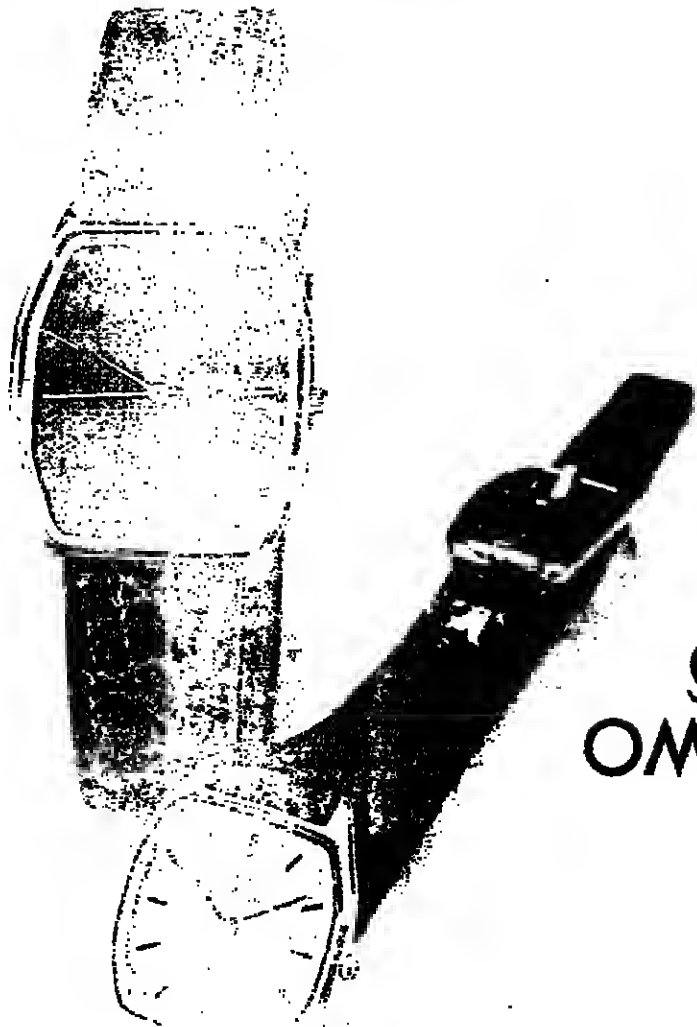
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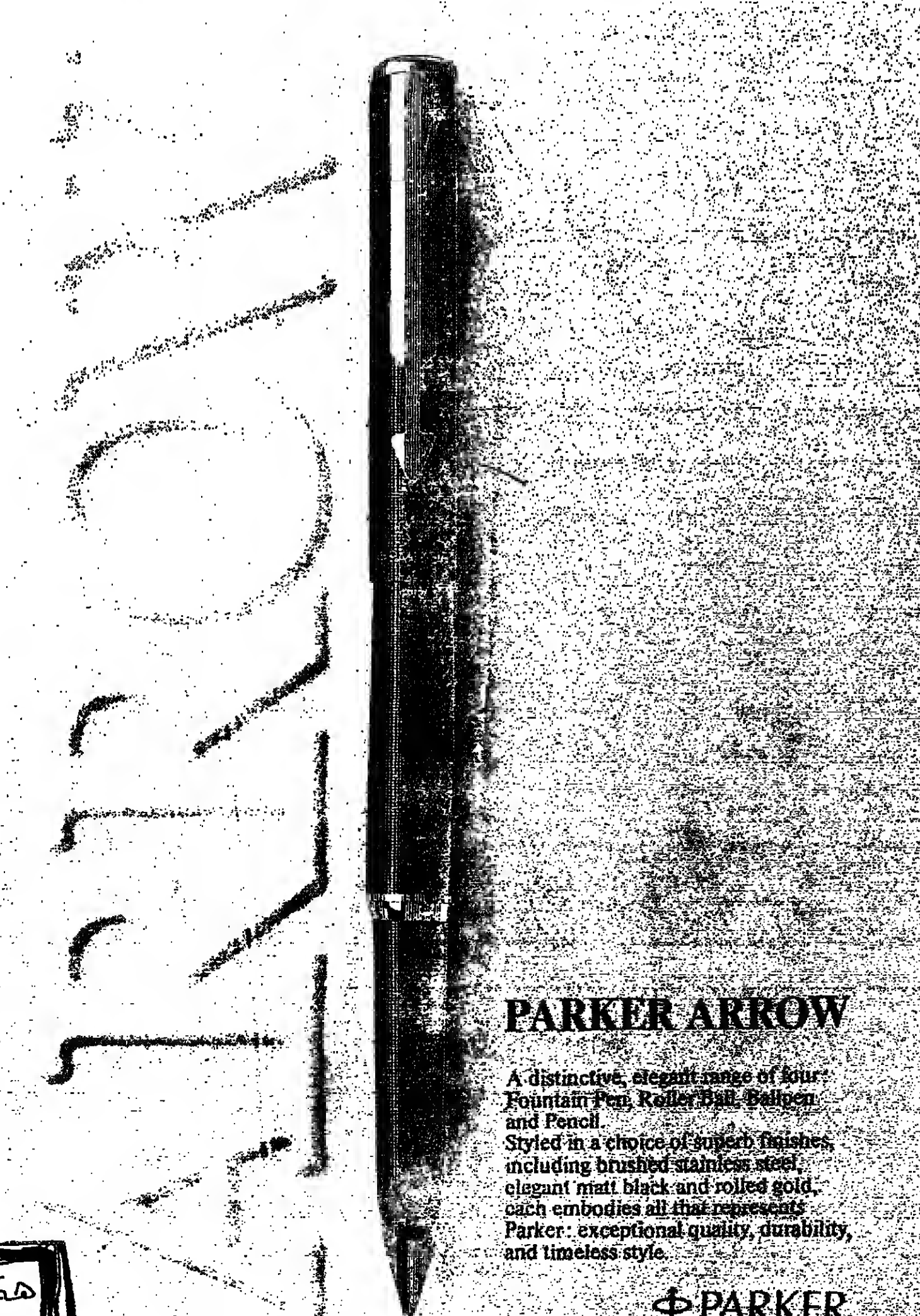


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Schools here have enrolled 1.6 million

RIYADH, Dec. 22 (SPA) — The number of students and schoolchildren in Saudi Arabia's universities and schools has risen from about 980,000 seven years ago to some 1,672,000 today, Minister of Planning Hisham Nazer told an educational seminar here.

According to figures given by the minister, the most dramatic increases were in secondary schools and universities. The secondary school population rose at an average of 16 percent a year, while the number of students at university grew at an average 15 percent a year to over 62,000 in the current academic year.

The proportion of girls in secondary education rose from 30.6 percent last year to 38.7 percent this year, the minister said.

The three-day seminar here will discuss all aspects of the Kingdom's educational achievements.



Prince Naif

'Shatterproof' mirrors available

LONDON, Dec. 22 (LPS) — Vehicles in Saudi Arabia will soon be equipped with what is claimed to be the world's first shatterproof rear view truck mirrors.

The Arabian Auto Agency of Jeddah has ordered 4,000 of these mirrors for distribution in the Kingdom through its offices in Riyadh, Jubail and Alkhobar.

The mirror has been tested by firing a rifle

'Copter project serves all sectors, installations

RIYADH, Dec. 22 — The Interior Ministry's helicopter and propeller project will serve all of the ministry's sectors and installations, the minister Prince Naif said Wednesday. He told *Al-Madina* that the planes will enable the men to move very quickly. It will be especially useful to police in criminal cases and to the civil defense personnel in rescue operations and fires.

The project will also render great services to the Frontier Guard in preventing smuggling through the land and sea frontiers. The planes will also transport equipment and en-

tering for personnel in remote areas. Saudi Arabian nationals have been sent abroad for training to man the aircraft.

Prince Naif also said that the home security forces housing projects are proceeding according to schedule and that four sites have been handed over to contractors during the current financial year.

The prince said that a public security department training city under construction will be inaugurated as soon as it is completed. All specialized institutes and training centers will be moved into it.

Animal project delegates to meet

RIYADH, Dec. 22 (SPA) — Delegates from the Kingdom, Kuwait, Iraq, United Arab Emirates, Qatar, Syria and Jordan will meet next Monday here to discuss the projects of the Arab Company for Animal Husbandry Development. The two-day meeting will review last year's performance and future plans so as to meet the members' needs from animal production.

so as to choose the best applicant for the coming academic year. Saudi Arabian staff members now account for 40 percent of the total and the university is exerting efforts to increase that percentage.



Dr. Gazi Alghosbi

SR20,000 fine for stores selling 'expired' drugs

RIYADH, Dec. 22 (SPA) — Any pharmacy, store or company which offers medicine for sale whose validity has expired will be fined SR20,000 and suspension for one week. The decision, issued by Acting Health Minister Dr. Gazi Alghosbi, increases the penalty to SR50,000 and the pharmacy, store or company will be closed for one month if the offense is repeated.

Third detection of the same offense leads to a permanent suspension of license and black listing.

3,000 temporary stay permits issued

JEDDAH, Dec. 22 — The Jeddah Passport Department has issued 3,000 temporary stay permits for the staff of various firms. *Al-Madina* reported. The temporary permits, valid for three months, will be given to those whose papers for an Inama (stay permit of a longer period) are being processed.

SAPTCO adds 3 stops on Madinah route

Riyadh Bureau

RIYADH, Dec. 22 — SAPTCO (Saudi Public Transport Co.) has added three new intermediate stops at Badr, Masturah, Rabigh and the inter-city bus service between Jeddah and Madinah effective Dec. 21 according to the SAPTCO Public Relations Department. These stops will be serviced by the inter-city services in both the directions.

The services which start at the Cornish terminal at 6.30 a.m. and 2.30 p.m. will reach Madinah at 1.15 p.m. and 9.15 p.m. respectively after stopping at the three new intermediate stops.

Similarly the Madinah services starting at 7.45 a.m. and 3.45 p.m. will reach Jeddah at 2.30 p.m. and 10.30 p.m. respectively passing through the three new stops. These services pass through North and South terminal of King Abdul Aziz International Airport for the convenience of air passengers as well.

University study maps development

RIYADH, Dec. 22 (SPA) — A team from King Faisal University's social department of the College of Arts will conduct an anthropological study of the Tihamat Qahtan area in the south-western part of the Kingdom dealing with the residents and social and economic life.

The team is made up of 26 students and it began a visit of Tihamat Qahtan last Friday. The week-long visit will be utilized in personal interviews and collection of all information about residents. The team has been divided to several groups specializing in the various aspects of social life in the region.

The studies will be submitted upon completion to the Asir Governorate which hopes to benefit from its results in drawing up development programs for Tihamat Qahtan.

Prayer Times

Thursday	Makkah	Madinah	Riyadh	Dammam	Buraidah	Tabuk
Fajr (Dawn)	5:30	5:37	5:08	4:59	5:23	5:58
Dhuhr (Noon)	12:20	12:21	11:52	11:39	12:03	12:33
Asr (Afternoon)	3:24	3:20	2:51	2:34	2:59	3:24
Maghreb (Sunset)	5:46	5:40	5:11	4:54	5:19	5:44
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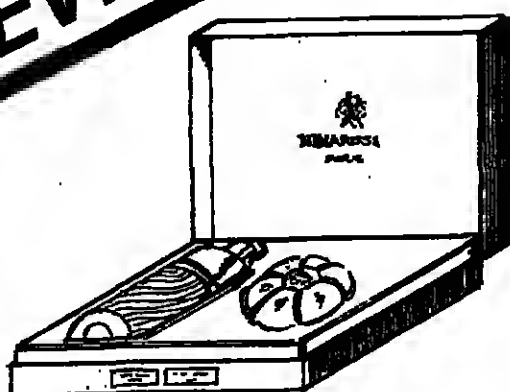
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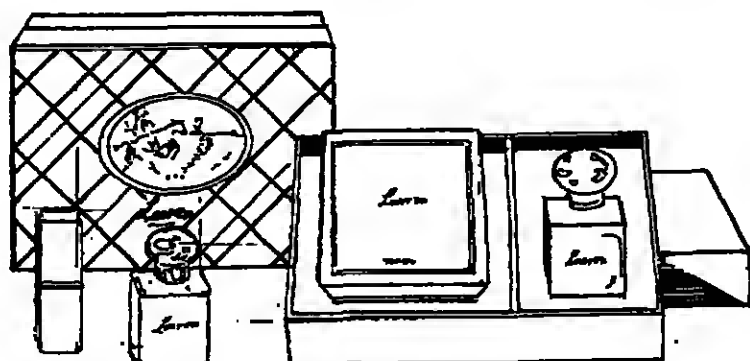
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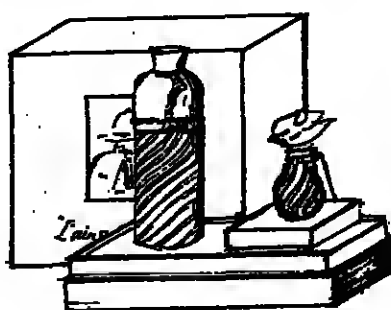
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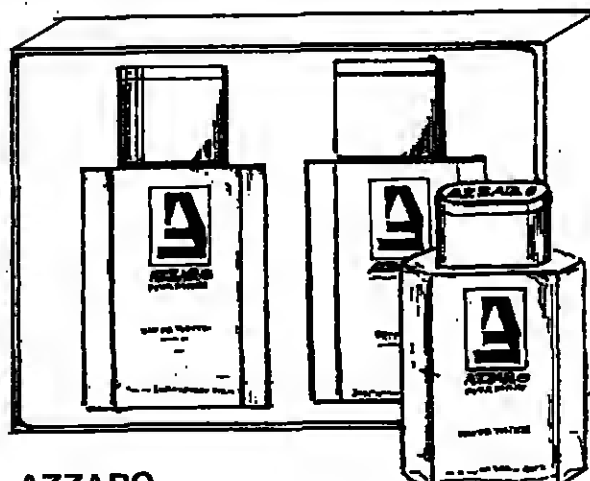
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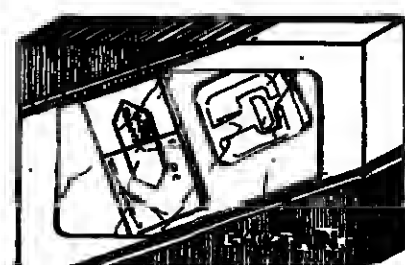
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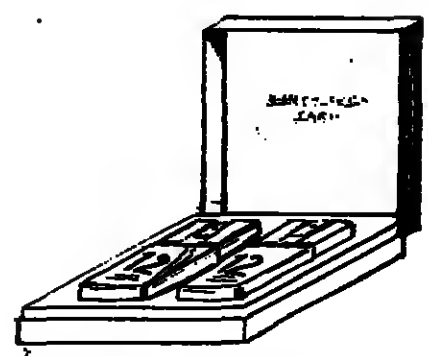
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Sharon to be cross-examined

TEL AVIV, Dec. 22 (AP) — Defense Minister Ariel Sharon and Maj. Gen. Yehoshua Saguy, the military intelligence chief, will cross-examine each other at renewed hearings of the commission investigating the Beirut massacre.

The commission announced Wednesday that Sharon asked that Saguy be cross-examined. Saguy asked Monday that the defense minister be questioned anew, and the commission said Sharon had made a "special request" to cross-examine Saguy after the original deadline for summoning witnesses.

The judicial commission has warned Sharon, Saguy and seven other government and military figures, including Prime Minister Menachem Begin, that they may be harmed by the commission's findings. The cross-examination, which may be done by the officials' lawyers, are part of a defense procedure built into the commission's operations.

When Sharon was warned of possible damage a month ago, he decided not to reappear or to cross-examine any witnesses but changed his mind after Saguy summoned him.

Saguy testified in closed session Oct. 21. Later his name came up as one of several officials, including Sharon, who met with Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir minutes

after Shamir was notified by Communications Minister Mordechai Zippori of a possible massacre in the Shatila and Sabra refugee camps. Shamir was also warned by the commission but did not ask to reappear.

In announcing the list of witnesses to be heard starting Sunday, the commission communique said Saguy had summoned Sharon, Zippori, the head of the "Mossad" intelligence service and intelligence personnel. David Kimche, director-general of the foreign ministry, has been summoned by the head of the Mossad, who has himself been summoned along with three other unnamed wit-

nesses by Lt. Gen. Raphael Eytan, the chief of staff.

Sharon aide Avi Dudai has called Saguy. Lt. Col. Reuven Gai, acting aide-de-camp to Sharon at the time of the massacre, and Maj. Yehudah Meraz, the communique said. It said that each of the nine may question any of the witnesses whose testimony is liable to be damaging. The commission is to hear testimony in closed session Sunday morning from Mordechai Gur, a former chief of staff, who had asked to appear before the inquiry. The other witnesses are then to begin their testimony.

Iranians kill 20 Kurdish rebels

LONDON, Dec. 22 (R) — Iranian government forces killed 20 Kurdish guerrillas in gun battles in the western province of Kurdistan at the weekend, the national news agency IRNA reported Wednesday.

IRNA said revolutionary guards had regained control of 24 villages and strategic heights between the provincial capital of Sanandaj and the town of Kamyaran. It said eight rebels had been captured and many other wounded. The agency also said guardsmen had arrested 250 leftist dissidents in raids on more than 50 hideouts in several

Iranian cities. They had links with Kurdish guerrillas, it said.

A large quantity of arms and ammunition, printing presses, radio equipment and papers showing links between rebel Kurds and France were among items seized, IRNA said.

The Iranian government launched an offensive, directed from a base in the north-western city of Urmieh, against the Kurdish rebels three months ago, pledging to end a three-year armed struggle by autonomy-seeking Kurds.

Pakistan to try Indian hijackers

ISLAMABAD, Dec. 22 (AP) — Five Indian Sikhs who hijacked an Indian Airlines plane to Lahore in September will be tried in Pakistan, Foreign Secretary Niaz A. Naik said Tuesday. India has been seeking their extradition for prosecution.

Naik told reporters Pakistan will not send the hijackers back to India and that the five will be tried at a Pakistani court. He did not say when the trial would begin. India and Pakistan have no extradition treaty.

On Sept. 29, the five Sikhs armed with kirpans (daggers) forced the pilot of a Boeing 737 jetliner to divert to Lahore while flying from New Delhi to Amritsar, about 450 kilometers northeast of the Indian capital with 106 passengers and crew aboard.

Arafat to visit Moscow

DAMASCUS, Dec. 22 (R) — Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) Chairman Yasser Arafat will visit the Soviet Union in mid-January at the invitation of the Soviet leaders, Palestinian sources said here Tuesday.

They said Arafat's talks would focus on developments relating to the Palestine question, the current situation in the Middle East and Soviet-Palestinian relations.

Relations between China, Egypt to be reactivated

CAIRO, Dec. 22 (Agencies) — Relations between China and Egypt, somewhat neglected in recent years, are to be reactivated as a result of Chinese Premier Zhao Ziyang's four-day official visit here, it was announced here Wednesday.

President Hosni Mubarak and Foreign Minister Kamel Hassan Ali both stressed that the visit marked a "turning point" in Sino-Egyptian relations. An Egyptian official said Wednesday that Mubarak would pay an official visit to China next April. Meanwhile, Economy Minister Mustapha Said would fly to Peking in January.

China has supplied Egypt with Chinese-built fighter planes based on Soviet designs. Egyptian Defense Minister Abdul Halim Abu Ghazala announced this week that Peking would supply a further 60 to 80 planes to be assembled in Egypt.

In a toast at a banquet in his honor Tuesday night, Zhao returned to China's new Mideast policy. After criticizing Israeli "expansionist and aggressive policy", the premier said that Israel "must withdraw from all Arab territories, including Arab Jerusalem".

Evren praises South Korea

SEOUL, Dec. 22 (AP) — President Kenan Evren of Turkey said Wednesday South Korea has made progress in recent years that has attracted the world's attention.

In Turkey, too," he said, "great progress has been made in many fields during the same period." The Turkish leader, who arrived in Seoul Monday for a state visit, made his comment on the two countries in a brief meeting with reporters. He read a prepared state-

ment, and no questions were permitted.

He said South Korea has become "a most successful example of market-oriented economies." "Korea today is a country with a developed industry leading in many fields, possessing wise and efficient businessmen and qualified labor. Through its prowess in developing its external economic relations, it has succeeded in eliminating a number of serious difficulties in the political field," he said.

Israelis firm on keeping Taba

TEL AVIV, Dec. 22 (R) — Israeli defense Minister Ariel Sharon said Wednesday the Taba area of Sinai, disputed by both Israel and Egypt, would remain under Israeli control.

"There will be no compromise on Taba," said Sharon, speaking to reporters during a tour of the disputed 700-meter stretch of seashore at the head of the Gulf of Aqaba, where Israel has just opened a multi-million-dollar luxury hotel.

Egypt claims sovereignty over Taba, which was declared a no-man's-land pending international arbitration when Israel withdrew from the Sinai in April after a 15-year occupation. Sharon said the issue of Taba, one of 15 points still in dispute with Egypt, should be resolved by negotiation. "We respect their claim just as we expect them to respect ours," he said.

Two West Bank schools closed

TEL AVIV, Dec. 22 (AFP) — The Israeli administration in the occupied West Bank Wednesday ordered two schools closed and renewed a six-day curfew in Nablus following demonstrations by high school students over the shooting of a Palestinian youth Saturday.

Military sources said Kadri Tukan and Talal, two secondary schools in Nablus, were shut temporarily and a six-day curfew extended in the town's old city section and the refugee camp of Balata, north of Nablus. The curfew in Balata had been lifted Tuesday to allow for the evening funeral of the young Palestinian, shot by Israeli soldiers Saturday. Israeli military authorities summoned Nablus community leaders Wednesday to warn them against continued student protests and rock-throwing aimed at Israeli vehicles.

Meanwhile, in the southern part of West Bank, a group of Israeli settlers demanded an apology from local leader for a rock-throwing incident in which one of the settlement's huses was struck, Israeli radio reported.

U.S. reaffirms call for talks on Afghan issue

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22 (Agencies) — The U.S. State Department reaffirmed Tuesday its call for a negotiated settlement in Afghanistan providing for the establishment of an independent and nonaligned government and the withdrawal of Soviet military forces.

Spokesman John Hughes outlined the American position in response to statements Monday by Afghan leader Bahrak Karmal that outside interference was responsible for the warfare in Afghanistan. "The world has frequently heard this same line from Karmal," Hughes said. "The agony in Afghanistan continues because the Afghan people do not accept a regime installed and maintained by an outside military force."

On Monday, Karmal told reporters he rejects calls for the creation of coalition government with participation by the anti-communist guerrilla movement. He said Soviet troops would remain in Afghanistan until the rebels are defeated.

BRIEFS

ISLAMABAD, (R) — A brigadier from Afghanistan's defense ministry has defected to Pakistan, Radio Pakistan reported Wednesday. It identified the official as Brigadier Engineer Abdul Mannan, a director-general in the ministry, but did not say when he entered Pakistan.

ANKARA, (AFP) — The Soviet embassy here has made a new application for the extradition of three Soviet citizens who had hijacked a Soviet plane Nov. 7 and were acquitted of injury charges by Sinop penal court Monday.

TRIPOLI, Lebanon (R) — Tripoli's Islamic Hospital Tuesday declared a state of emergency because of an outbreak of food poisoning, as the city struggles to return to normal after two weeks of fierce faction fighting.

TEHRAN, (AFP) — A total of 246 members and sympathizers of two opposition groups were recently arrested in Iran's principal cities "following mopping-up operations in Kurdistan," the revolutionary guards announced here Tuesday.

DAMASCUS, (R) — The second man in the Libyan leadership, Abdul-Salam Jalloud, arrived in Damascus Tuesday from Tripoli for talks on Middle East developments and bilateral relations, the official Syrian news agency Sana reported.

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General Assembly tackles record 142 items

U.N. completes work for 1982

UNITED NATIONS, Dec. 22 (AP) — The U.N. General Assembly, virtually finished with its work for 1982, suspended its 37th annual session Tuesday after racking up at least one record and maybe more.

The assembly, after starting the session Sept. 21, had adopted and tackled its longest agenda yet — 142 items, against the previous record of 138 set last year.

And for the first time in several years, it finished its pending work on the closing date that U.N. members had agreed on early in the session. It ran three days beyond the closing date last year, one day beyond it in each of the two previous years and two days beyond it in 1978.

The assembly's Hungarian president, Imre

Hollai, declared the session suspended at 5:01 p.m. local time (2201 GMT), wished everybody a happy New Year and said, "I hope it will be a year of more cooperation, less confrontation, and it will be a year of peace."

The assembly finished work on all but four of the 142 items on the agenda. It left those four for consideration at various times in the New Year. They were the question of Cyprus, the efforts to start North-South global economic negotiations, the fixing of a 1983 date for a conference on the peaceful uses of atomic energy and the subject of implementation of U.N. resolutions, put on the agenda at Cyprus' request.

Hollai, noting this was the 60th anniversary of the founding of the Soviet Union, offered congratulations to "a leading member of the General Assembly and a permanent member of the Security Council."

He deplored "continuing violation of human rights" in various parts of the world and declared, "the issue of human rights is much too important to be used for propaganda purposes."

The assembly president, a Hungarian deputy foreign minister, remarked that large sums were being spent on armaments "at a time when all countries face economic problems and a shortage of funds."

He praised U.N. Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar's annual report, which called on governments to make better use of the United Nations. Hollai said the report was "a fitting reply to critics who question the usefulness of the United Nations."

The assembly adopted resolutions against "foreign troops" in Cambodia and Afghanistan, Israel's invasion of Lebanon and its continued occupation of Arab territories, the massacre of Palestinian refugees in Beirut, South Africa's race segregation system, and a 1.3-billion-dollar International Monetary Fund loan to South Africa.

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Hitler's aide had U.S. ties

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22 (AP) — Adm. Wilhelm Canaris, head of the "Abwehr," Hitler's intelligence service — collaborated with the Americans toward the end of World War II, according to documents made public here for the first time.

The "Office of Strategic Services (OSS)" set up in 1941 by President Franklin D. Roosevelt — the forerunner of the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) — had direct contact with Adm. Canaris and several of his chief aides who opposed Hitler's invasion of the Soviet Union.

CIA head Allen Dulles (1953-61), who was an OSS agent in Switzerland during World War II, told Congress in 1947 about working with the Abwehr. His deposition has only now been released by the House of Representatives.

Adm. Canaris was sentenced to death, together with many Abwehr men, for alleged involvement in the July 20, 1944 plot to assassinate Hitler. He was hanged with piano wire and the execution was filmed and later viewed by Hitler and his cronies.

U.S. Congress to install Martin Luther King statue

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22 (AP) — The U.S. Congress has approved establishing a memorial to civil rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. in the Capitol, the first black to be represented in the building's statuary.

The Senate passed the legislation on voice vote. The House of Representatives approved the resolution earlier. President Ronald Reagan's signature is not required.

Republican Sen. Charles Mathias of Maryland, the resolution's sponsor, said the honor for King was "long overdue and appropriate."

"It is fitting to honor Dr. King in the halls of the Capitol because it was the U.S. Congress that translated many of his most important goals into reality," Mathias said. "His influence on our nation's laws was profound."

King was assassinated on April 4, 1968. Mathias said he expects that a competition for the design of the memorial will be announced early next year.

The statuary in the Capitol includes busts

of all the vice presidents, who preside over the Senate, and portraits of the speakers of the House.

The only black previously honored in the Capitol was Benjamin Banneker, a mathematician involved in the laying out of Washington who is represented in a fresco.

Dutch royal visit off

THE HAGUE, Dec. 22 (APF) — The Dutch royal couple have canceled a scheduled state visit to Denmark in February and postponed tentative plans for other travels because of concern over the health of Prince Claus, the husband of Queen Beatrix, a court spokesman announced.

The decision was made after consultation with Prince Claus' doctors. Since Nov. 29, Prince Claus has been at a Basel University psychiatric clinic for treatment of depression.

The spokesman said that the royal family planned to spend Christmas vacation, as usual, in Austria, before the prince returns to Basel for further treatment in January.

Doctors to perfect artificial heart

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah, Dec. 22 (AP) — Barney Clark, making a "steady recovery," visited with one of the scientists who developed his artificial heart and told him "don't quit" efforts to perfect the device, doctors said Tuesday.

Clark, in his 20th day with the Jarvik-7 heart, remained in serious condition Tuesday, but continued to gain in strength and was spending much of his time in a reclining chair near his bed.

The 61-year-old retired dentist stood for the first time and was off the respirator for seven hours Monday. On Tuesday he was "quite tired" but stood again, sipped juice and returned to his chair, said Dr. Chase Peterson, University of Utah vice president for health sciences.

Clark visited Monday with Dr. Widem Kolff, head of the university's division of artificial organs. Kolff helped develop the artificial heart, an artificial kidney and the heart-

lung machine.

"Dr. Clark gestured for Dr. Kolff to come over and be said very firmly, 'don't quit,'" Peterson said. By that, he said, Clark meant "don't quit with Dr. Clark and don't quit with the program."

Peterson was asked whether Clark had indicated how he felt about having an artificial heart. Not directly, but "indirectly he has indicated twice that he prefers this noble experiment to the graceful death," Peterson said.

If Clark makes a full recovery, would there be any limits to his physical activity? "really there is no limit to his physical activity within the geographic limits of the tether" connecting him to the heart drive system, Peterson said.

He said Clark should be able to take care of most household functions dressing, cooking and otherwise taking care of himself.

S.A. orders N-plant security probe

PRETORIA, Dec. 22 (APF) — Minister of Mineral and Energy Affairs Piet du Plessis ordered an investigation into security at the Koeberg nuclear power station near Cape Town which was rocked by four explosions at the weekend.

In a statement after a meeting here with National Electricity Supply, Atomic Energy and Nuclear Safety Organization, Du Plessis also indicated other countries would be consulted on security measures at nuclear plants. The plant is being built by a French consortium.

Du Plessis said it appeared at this stage that the damage, for which the banned African National Congress (ANC) has claimed

responsibility, could delay commissioning of the plant's first unit, which had been expected next June or July.

He also gave an assurance that the commissioning of the Koeberg plant would "not be effected at the risk of public safety."

The minister pointed out that the explosions took place at a time when the plant was still under construction and several thousand construction workers entered the site daily. "When the plant becomes operational only strictly screened operating personnel will be allowed on site," he said.

He said the operational safety measures at present in force at Koeberg were among the strictest in the world.

List identifies 76 Argentine bodies

BUENOS AIRES, Dec. 22 (R) — Argentine newspapers published a list identifying 76 bodies found buried in unmarked graves in Buenos Aires' main Chacarita cemetery.

The list, made available to the press by investigating Judge Raul Hector Pierini, was the first published in a series of investigations in 13 cemeteries in several Argentine cities.

The graves are believed to contain the remains of some of the thousands of people who disappeared during the armed forces' "dirty war" against leftist guerrillas in the late 1970s.

The judge said he was making the list available for the information of relatives of people hitherto considered missing. He added that the remains of 53 of those on the list had been returned to their families. Human rights groups allege that between 6,000 and 30,000 innocent people were abducted by the security forces during the anti-guerrilla crackdown.

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Nott defends plans to reduce navy fleet

LONDON, Dec. 22 (AP) — British Defense Secretary John Nott, defending plans to slim down the Royal Navy's surface fleet in the mid-1980s, told the House of Commons, "We can no longer afford to be the policeman of the world."

Critics of the navy cuts, who include admiralty top brass and civilians concerned with maritime affairs, were dismissed Tuesday by Nott as advocates of a "worldwide blue water role" who wish to see the navy "swanning around in a silver sea."

As a "nation in somewhat reduced economic circumstances," Britain does not have the option of doing everything, Nott said. So there will be greater emphasis on submarines and anti-submarine air power.

Labor MP attacks Thatcher

LONDON, Dec. 22 (AFP) — Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher was accused of "deliberately" ordering the sinking of Argentina's cruiser *General Belgrano* on May 2 to protect her personal position.

The accusation was made Tuesday night in a House of Commons debate on the armed services by Labor MP Tam Dalyell. He has been bombarding the government with parliamentary questions since the start of the Falklands War.

He said he had information that the cruiser was heading back for its base. The official British version was that the *Belgrano* was approaching the Falkland Islands and threatening the British task force.

Dalyell said Washington informed Mrs. Thatcher that Argentina was ready to withdraw its troops from the islands if the British fleet turned back during peace mediation by Peru. But she decided "to raise the military stakes," he charged.

"Faced with a compromise, the prime minister calculatingly and deliberately

Chileans form 'democracy group'

SANTIAGO, Dec. 22 (R) — Chile's political party leaders, trade unionists and industrialists have launched an opposition organization to press the military government for an early return to democracy.

The leaders of the group told a press conference Tuesday that the organization, the Development Plan for National Consensus, was backed by the majority of Chile's political parties, organized labor, academics, trade unions and business sectors.

They said the group's name derived from the fact that "Chile is going through a deep political, social and economic crisis, and the vast majority of its citizens wish to express their worries by organizations, movements and personalities who can interpret them."

the secretary told the House in a government-initiated debate on military lessons of the Falklands campaign.

A 10-week campaign by a 122-ship task force, including 50 requisitioned merchantmen, forced the surrender last June of Argentine troops occupying the Falklands colony 13,000 kilometers from England.

Critics said the conflict underlined their warnings over the years that a British fleet reduced to about 150 surface vessels and submarines is too small. But Nott said that while some 55 frigates and destroyers can be sustained over the next two to three years, "it is inevitable that they will decline to about beyond the mid-1980s."

ordered the torpedoes to be unleashed to create an incident which she understood perfectly well would switch the whole war from second to fifth gear," Dalyell asserted.

He recalled that 368 Argentine sailors died when the cruiser sank. The MP called the premier's attitude "criminal... evil... because who doubts that in the absence of a scrap, and a military victory per se, the return of the fleet would have raised all sorts of doubts about the wisdom of despatching the task force in the first place."

Defense Secretary John Nott interrupted at one stage to say: "A very, very large proportion of what you say is just totally and completely untrue."

John Silkin, defense spokesman of the Labor opposition, attacked Nott for ignoring the reasons why war broke out in the Falklands, claimed by Argentina as part of its continental shelf.

Silkin called it "an unnecessary war which the British government failed to prevent."

The aim of the group, they said, was to press for a timetable for a transition toward democracy and to rehabilitate civil rights in Chile.

A state of siege, suspending most personal guarantees and constitutional rights, has been in force here since 1973 when Socialist President Salvador Allende was overthrown in a bloody military coup.

The current military government's democratization plan, allows for a new constitution elaborated by the military and approved in a 1980 plebiscite to come into force in 1989 when elections are scheduled to be held. President Augusto Pinochet has consistently rejected the idea of any earlier political opening.

Spain to ratify U.S. base treaty

MADRID, Dec. 22 (R) — Spanish Foreign Minister Fernando Moran said the government would seek ratification in parliament of a treaty giving the U.S. military base facilities in Spain before a deadline next year for their dismantlement.

But such a move would be made only if the treaty was separated from NATO membership, he added Tuesday.

Moran was addressing the Foreign Affairs Committee of Congress, lower house of Cortes (parliament), following talks here last week with U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz. "If it is clear that the bilateral treaty with the United States does not link us to the military mechanism of NATO then the Spanish government will seek its approval before May 21," Moran said.

The Socialists who froze integration into NATO's military structure when they took power last month said they could not accept the treaty with the United States as long as it was based on the assumption of Spanish membership of the alliance.

The five-year treaty, signed by both countries last July but not ratified by Madrid, provides the United States with facilities at four bases in return for defense guarantees and aid.

Failure to ratify the treaty by May 21 meant an automatic dismantlement of the bases, but Moran said if ratification was not completed by then the deadline could be extended and a new treaty negotiated.

U.K. group to block missiles

LONDON, Dec. 22 (R) — Britain's leading peace group, the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament (CND), said that it would use sit-downs and other forms of physical obstruction to block the siting of new U.S. nuclear missiles on British soil.

The pressure group, experiencing a return to the popularity it enjoyed in the 1960s, also pledged to make nuclear weapons in Britain an issue in the general election which is widely expected in 1983.

"We are absolutely determined that in this country we will not accept Cruise missiles," CND General Secretary Bruce Kent told a London news conference.

Unveiling its strategy for 1983, CND said it would provide training and coordination of local non-violent direct action. It also announced plans for a nationwide door-to-door canvassing campaign, lobbying through parliament, churches and local councils and active support for 10 British peace camps.

Britain agreed to take 160 U.S. Cruise missiles from next December as part of a 1979 North Atlantic Treaty Organization decision to deploy 572 U.S. missiles in Western Europe. They are due to be deployed if Soviet-American missile talks in Geneva fail to reach an agreement.

CND said it was confident peace movements could force Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher to reject the Cruise deployment.

Mrs. Thatcher's Conservative Party administration, concerned about growing anti-nuclear sentiment, plans its own prop-

aganda campaign next year to counter the peace activists, officials said.

The government program, consisting largely of literature and speeches, is aimed at drumming up support for Mrs. Thatcher's pledges to deploy Cruise Missiles and update Britain's own nuclear arsenal with a \$12-billion U.S. Trident system.

Cuban support sought

LUSAKA, Dec. 22 (R) — Zambian President Kenneth Kaunda has called on Cuba to increase its support for nationalist guerrilla movements in Southern Africa, the Zambia Daily Mail reported Wednesday.

The government-owned newspaper said Kaunda told Cuban Vice President Juan Almeida Bosque Tuesday that strong backing was essential because nationalist struggles in Namibia and South Africa had reached a crucial stage. Almeida was on the first day of a five-day official visit to Zambia. Cuba's presence in Angola is expected to be a leading subject in his discussions with Zambian leaders.

South Africa and the United States say the estimated 18,000 Cuban troops in Angola must be withdrawn before Namibia can become independent. Zambia agrees with Cuba and Angola that the two issues should not be linked. Bosque who will also discuss the nonaligned movement and bilateral issues during his visit will spend the next two days touring Zambia's southern and copper-belt provinces.

American shoot wife, kills self

PAUL SMITHS, New York, Dec. 22 (A) — A retired newspaper publisher suffering from cancer shot his wife, who once was married to Wisconsin Sen. William Proxmire, and then killed himself, officials said Tuesday.

Elsie Rockefeller McMillin, 58, a cousin of the late New York Gov. Nelson Rockefeller, was in critical condition Tuesday at Channing Valley Medical Center-Physicians Hospital in Plattsburgh, officials said. State police said she suffered a head wound.

Miles McMillin, 69, took his own life with a handgun after attempting to kill his wife, state police said. Neighbors said McMillin was suffering from cancer.

McMillin retired in 1978 as publisher of the *Capital Times* of Madison, Wisconsin, which he owned. McMillin's body and a wounded wife were found in a bedroom after relatives noticed the house was darkened 6:55 p.m. Monday night at a time the couple was believed to be home.

Mrs. McMillin's father was William Rockefeller, who also was a cousin of Nelson Rockefeller. William Rockefeller took his own life on his estate a decade ago, state police said. McMillin also was believed to be a distant cousin of William Rockefeller.

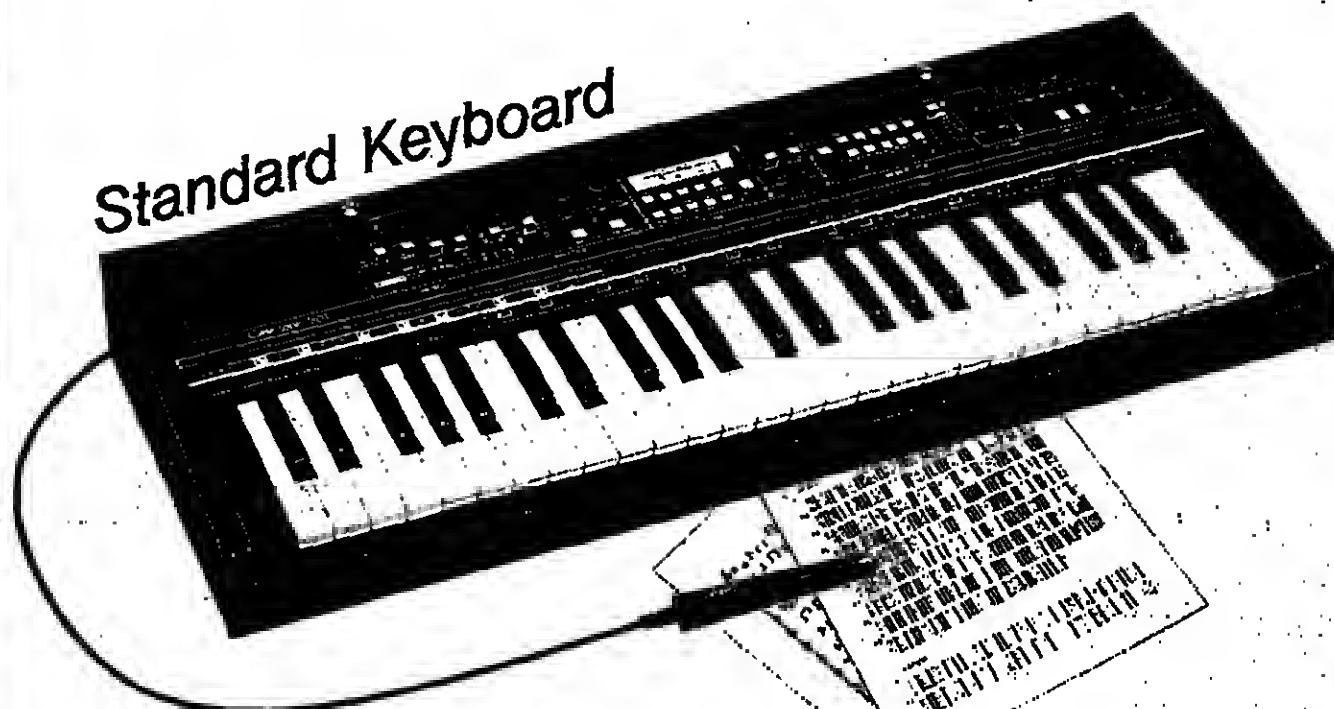
The couple had lived on the estate at Belpont on the northern edge of Saranac Lake since McMillin retired and had frequently been seen around this tiny community, often going to horse shows in the summer.

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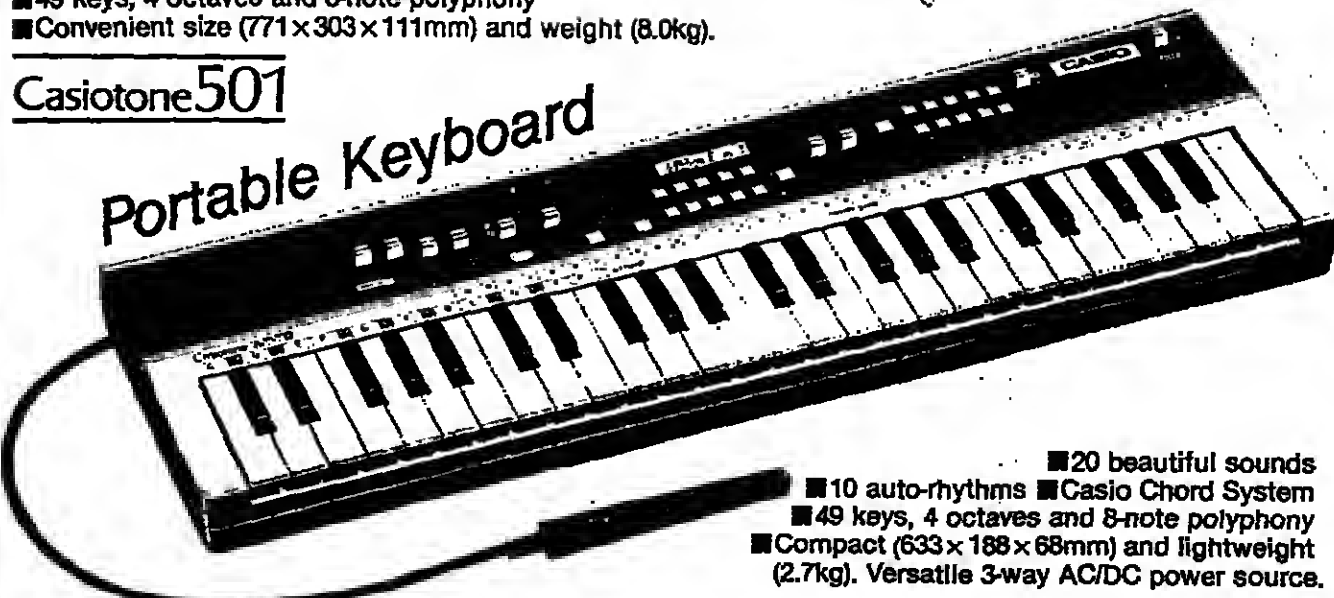
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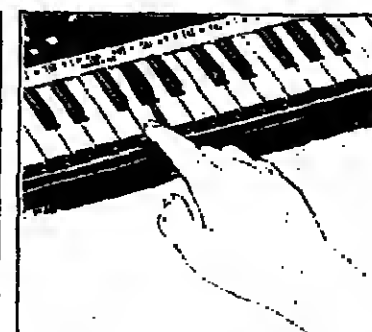
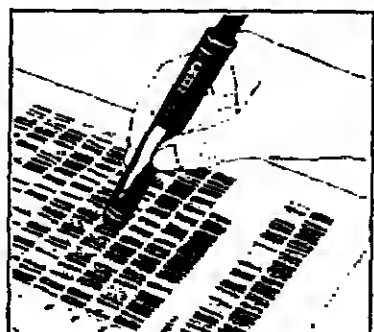
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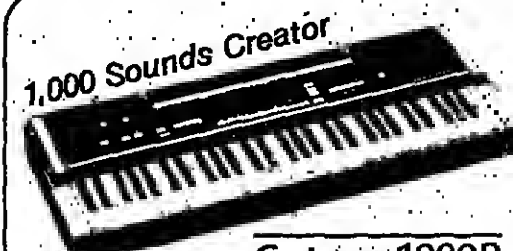
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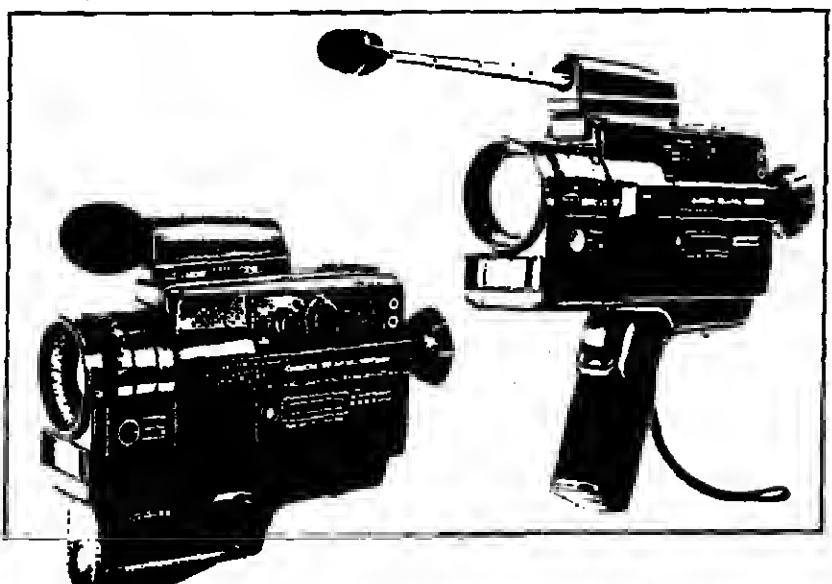
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PEACE PROSPECTS

Peace in the Middle East is in the limelight this week, discussions to find a solution have started in Washington between King Hussein and U.S. officials and the United Nations General Assembly in New York is also considering the issue.

These discussions have reached the same conclusion, that the answer is to "bring pressure" on Israel by halting military, financial and economic aid. There is nothing new about this conclusion as similar resolutions have been made time after time at the United Nations, with recommendations that Israel be censured for its atrocities against the Palestinian people and for occupying Arab territories. But none of them has ever been implemented and Israel has been continuing its treachery: while all types of aid have skyrocketed.

The United Nations, it appears, is at least making genuine efforts to put a halt to the Israeli activities and to get the Zionists to reverse their tracks. The problem, of course, has always been its lack of clout to implement its recommendations.

The United States, on the other hand, has always been carrying out its discussions about the Israeli threat with tongue in cheek and at the same time giving the Zionists just about anything they ask for. At the same time, the American taxpayer has to pay the bill which is now at such a monumental height that even if the aid was stopped immediately, it would take many years to even dent the huge deficit.

The problem with these negotiations is the fact that everyone concerned in the talks has been disinterested in their outcome, or actually trying to keep progress moving at a slow pace due to their friendship with Israel.

A minor role has been played in such discussions by those states actually affected by the problem, while Israel has always been able to play a major role due to the power and influence of its friends who are participating in such talks. Israel, therefore, has reached the point where its officials are sure that no matter what recommendations are suggested in any talks taking place, the Zionist cause will remain strong.

Such talks as are taking place this week, therefore, really don't amount to much more than the age-old blowing off steam and putting up a good front. Until such discussions follow an actual plan, such as the one suggested by the Arab League summit and King Fahd, they can really amount to very little and will, in fact, only keep the possibility of any progress at its lowest speed.

Saudi Arabian press review

Al-Jazirah Wednesday praised the Lebanese government for resisting Israeli attempts to draw it into negotiations in return for a partial Israeli troops withdrawal from the country.

It said Lebanon had done well to brief other Arab states on its position, and the newspaper criticized unspecified Arab politicians and media for threatening to impose comprehensive sanctions on Lebanon if it decided to reach a separate peace treaty with the Zionists.

It said there was a major difference between the peace treaty signed by the assassinated Egyptian President Anwar Sadat and the Lebanese government's attempts to deal with the Israeli occupation of its territory without breaking the principles of infant Arab action.

Al-Riyadh urged Arab countries to give the Lebanese authorities their full support to help them liberate Lebanon from the Israeli occupation forces. "Negotiations should not be held between unequal parties and the Arab world should not become a beggar asking the world for a solution. The world has no time to listen to the wailing or complaints of the weak," it added.

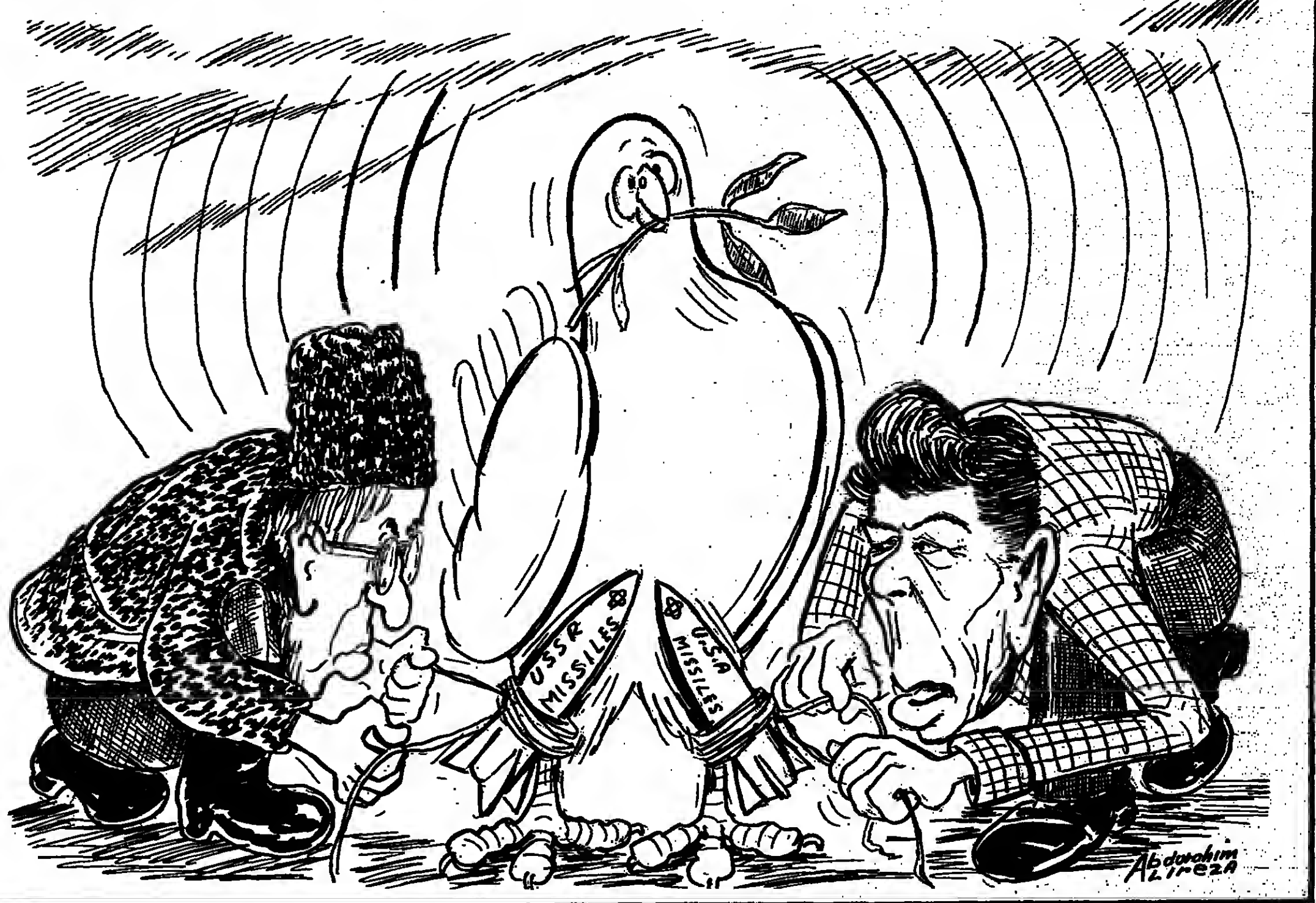
Al-Nadwa said the Zionists intent on prolonging their stay in

Lebanon and turning their occupation into a fait accompli. It said it had taken American mediators long enough to get the Israelis just to drop their demand that withdrawal talks be held in Jerusalem and would not doubt take even longer for them to persuade the invaders to leave the territory they had occupied by force with unlimited foreign support.

The paper urged the Arab nation to give Lebanon its firm support in its crisis and so foil Israel's attempt to pick off Arab states one by one.

Under the title "OPEC unity and the need for commitment", **Okaz** said the oil organization had overcome a major hurdle at its ministerial meeting in Vienna by maintaining the \$34-billion price and agreeing to raise its production ceiling by one million barrels a day. OPEC had survived a serious crisis which had threatened its unity and coherence, the paper said.

Al-Bilad and **Al-Madina**, praised the Kingdom's decisiveness at the Vienna meeting and its sacrifices for the sake of OPEC's cohesion and solidarity. They urged OPEC members not to be selfish and open an oil price war which could lead to the collapse of the organization on the economy and welfare of the world. (SPA)



Soviet Union's ambitions frustrated in Afghanistan

By Tyler Marshall

NEW DELHI — Despite three years of increasingly intense military operations and deepening political involvement, the Soviet Union appears to have accomplished virtually none of its major goals in Afghanistan.

Moscow has failed to win acceptance of its Marxist regime in Kabul or rebuild the Afghan Army. It has also failed to dent a resistance movement that shows increased confidence. Perhaps even more significantly, there is almost no evidence that in the short term the Soviets can make any real headway in any of these areas.

With the approach of the third anniversary of the Soviet invasion, the freedom war in Afghanistan appears to be moving toward stalemate and behind the military impasse, the unpopular regime in Kabul shows signs of gradual atrophy. A much-heralded National Fatherland Front, set up last year to broaden support for the regime beyond the party, has been such a failure that today it is rarely mentioned in the government-controlled press.

Party membership is reported to have doubled to nearly 100,000 but, according to Afghans recently arrived from Kabul, the quality of the recruits is so low that the impact of the increased numbers is virtually nil. Reports by Kabul-based Western diplomats tend to buttress this assessment. In recent months, key figures in the regime, including President Babrak Karmal, have ventured out of Kabul to visit provincial centers for the first time since the Soviet invasion on Dec. 25-26, 1979, but the extraordinary security measures that have accompanied these trips have only served to underscore the regime's impotence.

Western diplomats constitute a major source of information from Afghanistan, which bars most Western journalists. However, the diplomats decline to be identified by name or nationality for fear of compromising their informants. Defections by key government personnel are cited by the diplomats as another factor that continues to weaken the government. In October, all five members of the supervisory staff in the justice ministry's legislation

department left for Pakistan. "Those who could turn the government around are all leaving," a Kabul-based Western diplomat visiting outside the country said the other day.

Also in October, the regime reportedly lost its most celebrated recruit, Abdul Sattar Shahidi, the only well-known non-Marxist political leader who had returned to Kabul and tried to work with the government since the Soviet invasion. A year after leaving his home in suburban Washington, D.C., the former interior minister and deputy prime minister under King Zahir Shah fled to Pakistan. Afghan refugee sources here say that the flow of defectors would be far greater if resistance leaders had not asked sympathizers to stay in place. "These people are much more useful where they are," Sayeed Mawdud, a former deputy minister of planning, said. He is now a refugee here.

Western diplomats believe this infiltration of the government by people who are members of or sympathetic with the resistance has forced the authorities to take extraordinary measures. There is strong evidence, the diplomats said, that collusion with the resistance has become more widespread in the ill-disciplined Afghan army. A U.S. State Department analysis concludes that at least some of the many army command changes in the past year or so were designed to break up well-developed relationships between army commanders and resistance groups operating in their areas.

Muhammad Shulaiman, an army colonel who commanded a regiment-size unit in Kunar province until two months ago when he fled to Pakistan, said he supplied freedom fighters in his region with millions of rounds of small-caliber ammunition. In many cases, arms and equipment have been sold to the fighters for cash and a promise that the supplying units would be exempt from attack.

Statements of Pakistan-based insurgent leaders and the experience of those who have traveled with fighter groups inside Afghanistan in recent months indicate that this complicity between resistance groups and the army has become so extensive in some areas that fighter commanders have issued orders not to fire on Afghan troops unless the troops fire first.

Civilian Afghan youths appear as reluctant to join the army as their uniformed brethren are to shoot. Repeated draft calls, increased pay and other intensive efforts have failed to rebuild the Afghan army, which has been depleted by desertions, casualties and purges of the officer ranks. In fact, desertion has become so easy and widespread that some Afghan youths interviewed recently in Pakistan claim they permitted themselves to be conscripted in order to receive initial training and a weapon before joining the resistance. The flow of such deserters has become an important source of arms and men for the fighters. Western military analysts place the army's present strength at between 30,000 and 40,000, less than half its size four years ago.

Despite signs of steady deterioration in the Karmal regime and its army, there seems to be little likelihood that the rebel forces will be able to bring down the government so long as Soviet forces remain in the country. For all its tenacity, the resistance remains disorganized and incapable of bringing off a coordinated offensive. Ironically, willingness on the part of some Afghan army officers to supply the fighters has contributed to the guerrillas' inability to coordinate their efforts. The army's help has resulted in a greater number of small, independent fighter units, and this has diminished the influence of the larger Pakistan-based groups.

Western military analysts, who declined to be identified by name or nationality, believe that the Pakistan-based groups probably account for less than 30 percent of the fighting at present. Because cooperation between the groups is worked out from day to day and not according to any broad strategy, anti-government operations continue to be on a relatively small scale. Thus, the resistance has not been able to seize and hold any major urban center, and it is not likely to do so as long as Soviet airpower is unchallenged and the rebels' weaponry is limited to small arms and a few anti-tank guns.

According to Western diplomatic assessments and accounts of Afghans who held sensitive government posts before their defection, the cost to the Soviets of the war in Afghanistan is still manageable — probably not more than about 6,000 Soviet dead

so far, a few billion dollars a year and the loss of an undetermined amount of international goodwill. However, some diplomatic analysts believe Moscow may not relish the prospect of being in a messy war that could drag on for years, of supporting a regime that seems incapable of providing stability, and of being branded an imperialist in international forums. They think Moscow could move soon to break the stalemate, either militarily or diplomatically.

Some believe that Moscow will choose to sharply escalate its military commitment, adding substantially to the 100,000 men it now has in Afghanistan. About 15,000 men were reportedly added last summer, but with little apparent effect. Senior Soviet military officers in Afghanistan have told diplomats and at least one Western journalist that 300,000 men would be needed to put an end to the insurgency.

But in recent months, there have been signs that Moscow may be more interested in searching for a diplomatic settlement. With Diego Dordovez, a special U.N. envoy, preparing for a second round of shuttle diplomacy next month in Kabul, Islamabad and Tehran, there is greater optimism than at any time since 1979 that a negotiated settlement might be possible.

Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei A. Gromyko reportedly indicated some interest last month in a U.N. peace proposal that calls for a broad-based coalition government, a phased withdrawal of Soviet forces and the eventual return of an estimated three million refugees now in camps in Pakistan and Iran. The Soviets also reportedly showed unexpected flexibility in talks on the Afghan situation last June in Geneva, although there was no breakthrough.

The new Soviet leader, Yuri V. Andropov, devoted nearly an hour to private talks with Pakistan President Zia ul-Haq last month when Zia was in Moscow for the funeral of President Leonid I. Brezhnev. The major Afghan fighter organizations are based in Pakistan. "There are straws in the wind, but nothing of any substance yet," an Asian diplomat said here the other day, then added: "No matter what happens, the war is bound to go on for some time."

Moves afoot on Lebanon troops withdrawal

By Susan Saporito

Houston Bureau

HOUSTON — Six months after Israel's siege of Lebanon, actions appear to be moving toward ensuring the withdrawal of foreign troops from the war-torn country, considered to be a critical phase in the Middle East peace process.

A report Monday on the ABC news program *Nightline*, said that during Jordanian King Hussein's present visit to Washington, he is expected to agree to present the Palestinians in peace negotiations with the Israelis. Also, Israeli Defense Minister Ariel Sharon reportedly said that Israel would like to bring its estimated 30,000 troops home from Lebanon as soon as possible.

Negotiations on the Israeli withdrawal from Lebanon and the withdrawal of other foreign forces occupying Lebanon appear to be free to get under way, according to the program, because Israel has dropped its demand that some of the talks be held in

occupied Jerusalem.

Reporting on the situation in Lebanon and the rebuilding of that country following the war, *Nightline* noted that members of the U.S. peacekeeping force in Lebanon currently are training a special unit of the Lebanese army to be proficient in basic combat skills. The training program underscores the Reagan administration's desire to rebuild and strengthen Lebanon from the ground up. Washington reportedly said it will double the present 1,200-man Marine force in Beirut and send Lebanese tanks, artillery and other military equipment as part of a \$135 million package to bolster the ill-equipped and undertrained Lebanese army.

Washington's rearmament of Lebanon is designed to prevent the recurrent destruction of Beirut and other cities in Lebanon. To rebuild their country, Lebanese officials have said they could use as much as \$12 billion not only to pay for damages incurred during the Israeli invasion, but also for damages suffered during their civil war seven years ago.

Signs of rebuilding can be seen throughout Lebanon, ABC reported. Citizens have begun patching up their homes and investors are showing signs of optimism that the country will one day return to normal. Two major hotels, the St. George and the Sheraton, are being rebuilt. Utility service, electricity, sewerage and water lines, communication services and roads are being restored. The cost for such repairs is estimated in billions of dollars. The U.S. administration is considering asking Congress for a half billion to defray some of the costs. But until international aid arrives, private companies in Lebanon are paying the price to clean up the country. One company alone has spent over \$8 million in the process.

Periodic outbursts of violence in certain areas of the country, though, serve as a reminder that Lebanon is still an occupied country. To the east and south, 30,000 Israeli troops and thousands of Syrian troops continue to divide up sections of Lebanon, their withdrawal pending diplomatic

efforts. Appearing on *Nightline*, Israeli Ambassador to the United States Moshe Arens commented that recent negotiations between Israel and Lebanon have brought the two sides close to an agreement that will "specify the security conditions that are required for Israel in the southern part of Lebanon, that will specify the direct relationship...normalization...between Israel and Lebanon in future times."

Asked what he expected the agreement to accomplish, if it would plan on Israeli withdrawal from Lebanon, Arens said the agreement would make it possible for the Lebanese "to go to the Syrians and say we can now have a simultaneous withdrawal of Syrian and Israeli forces."

Also appearing on the program, Syria's Ambassador to the United States Dr. Rafiq Joujati responded, "The presence of Syrian forces in Lebanon has been requested by the Lebanese government and the various parties to stop the bloodshed in the civil war. We were mandated by the Arab League to do so and what is needed is another mandate by the Arab League if they want us to withdraw, and also, a request by the Lebanese government that they want us to withdraw."

"Our presence is not linked at all with the Israeli presence in Lebanon...the Lebanese government cannot ask us to withdraw while Israeli troops are there (in Lebanon) because if we withdraw from the territory, the Israelis will take over...and that is what the Lebanese government is not willing to do." Discussing King Hussein's presence in Washington to discuss with U.S. officials the possibility of his representing Palestinians in peace negotiations with Israel, *Nightline* correspondent Ted Koppel asked Ambassador Arens if he would accept King Hussein as the Palestinians' representative, noting that Israel has been reluctant to the idea in the past. King Hussein has a standing invitation," Arens said. "He is welcome. We have been waiting for him for some 34 years now. Hussein will not have to have any pre-qualifications for Israel to accept him as a negotiating partner," he added.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Thursday, Dec. 23, the 357th day of 1982. There are eight days left in the year. Highlights in history on this date:

1588 — France's King Henry III arranges for assassination of Henry, Duke of Guise, at Blois, France.

1601 — Irish rebels Tyrone and O'Donnell are routed near Kinsdale by British forces.

1728 — Treaty of Berlin between Roman Emperor Charles VI and Frederick William of Prussia.

1832 — French take Antwerp, forcing Holland to recognize the independence of Belgium.

1920 — French and British approve convention fixing boundaries of Syria and Palestine.

1938 — Gen. Francisco Franco begins main offensive against Catalonia in Spain.

1940 — Britain's Prime Minister Winston Churchill urges Italians to rid themselves of dictator Benito Mussolini.

1941 — U.S. forces on Wake Island in Pacific surrender to Japanese in World War II.

1948 — Japan's former Premier Hideki Tojo and six other Japanese World War II leaders are executed in Tokyo.

1972 — Earthquake that struck Managua, Nicaragua, is reported to have killed up to 10,000 persons.

1975 — Richard Welch, U.S. Central Intelligence Agency chief in Athens, Greece, is killed by gunmen outside his residence.

1981 — U.S. President Ronald Reagan announces a number of economic sanctions against Polish government for its imposition of martial law.

Thought for today: The world is a comedy to those who think, a tragedy to those who feel — Horace Walpole, English statesman (1678-1757).

Loyal to party ideology

Army still has key role in Soviet politics

By Roy Medvedev

MOSCOW (LAT) — In 1953, with the support of the Soviet Army and its general staff, Nikita S. Khrushchev was able to arrest and execute Lavrent P. Beria, the longtime chief of Josef Stalin's secret police. Beria's close associates were destroyed as well, and the organs of state security and internal affairs were put under full control of the Communist Party.

In 1982, the Soviet minister of defense, Dmitri F. Ustinov, gave strong and steady support to the head of the KGB security and intelligence organization, Yuri V. Andropov, at a time when the army was increasingly dissatisfied with Leonid I. Brezhnev's leadership. This support enabled Andropov to move in less than a year from seventh or eighth place in the Soviet hierarchy to the post of general secretary of the Communist Party a few weeks ago. All this raises questions about the army's political role in Soviet society.

Soviet officers have many reasons to be satisfied with their circumstances. Commanding ranks of the army are recruited from all classes of society. Officers receive high salaries by Soviet standards, as well as free board and living quarters. At the end of his service an officer receives a good, lifelong pension. He also enjoys a number of other privileges that increase with rank. In the majority of cases, officers receive a good technical and military education.

While corruption does occur among high military commanders, it is much less widespread in the army and navy than among party, agricultural or government officials. Professional military men, as a rule, are honest people who do not use their work for personal gain.

Soviet officers are less inclined toward differing views than the civilian intelligentsia. As a rule, they are completely loyal to the Communist Party and its ideology. This does not mean, however, that the Soviet military leadership does not have significant influence, direct and indirect, on their country's politics.

First, basic military doctrine, which necessarily involves the industrial and agricultural sectors, could not be formulated without the officers' participation. Second, the armed forces play a large role in the education of a significant sector.

Third — and this is undoubtedly the main aspect of the Soviet army's political importance — the military establishment exercises significant influence during crises of authority or in periods of leadership changes.

When Lenin died in 1924, one of the main tasks facing Stalin and the party leaders who supported him was to remove Leon Trotsky from the leadership of the Red Army. On the other hand, when Stalin's close friend, Kliment E. Voroshilov, put himself at the head of the Red Army in 1926, Stalin's chances for victory in the struggle for power grew substantially. To complete his usurpation of power, however, Stalin was compelled to conduct a "purge" in the 1930s not only of the party, but also of military personnel.

When Stalin died in March 1953, it was the support of high military commanders that enabled Khrushchev to arrest Beria and all those around him. At that time, two tank guard divisions — which to this day still are constantly positioned on the outskirts of Moscow — were brought into the capital to support Khrushchev's move.

The army played a key role again in 1957, when Stalinist factions tried to oust Khrushchev. The vital support of Defense Minister Georgy K. Zhukov, a professional military man and was hero, allowed Khrushchev not only to hold, but also to strengthen his power.

The military again interceded in October 1964, when Khrushchev, who was vacationing at his dacha on the Black Sea, at first failed to

heed a request to return to Moscow to participate in a session of the party presidium (now called the Politburo) and the party's central committee which had been called unexpectedly and against his will.

Only when the new minister of Defense, Marshal Rodion Y. Malinovsky, took the phone in Moscow did Khrushchev understand that the situation demanded his return to the capital, although even then he did not think things would turn out as badly for him as they did.

Before his own consolidation of power in the 1970s, Brezhnev twice confronted opposition to his leadership from within the Politburo. In 1965, he was challenged by Alexander N. Sholepin, then head of the KGB.

In 1969, Brezhnev was again confronted, this time by Sholepin and Kiril T. Mazurov, acting under the leadership of Mikhail A. Suslov, the party ideologist who died last January. But Defense Minister Malinovsky's support in 1965 and that of his successor, Marshal Andrei A. Grechko in 1969, gave Brezhnev the leading position in the party and government, although his power never matched Khrushchev's not to mention Stalin's.

In May, when the Politburo took up the question of selecting a new central committee secretary to replace the deceased Suslov, Brezhnev proposed his longtime friend and protégé, Konstantin U. Chernenko for this second-most-important party post. With Defense Minister Ustinov strongly objecting to Brezhnev's proposal, it was rejected. Andropov, the KGB chairman, became the new secretary in Suslov's place.

Six months later, on the evening of the day of Brezhnev's death, Ustinov was the first to nominate Andropov as general secretary of the party at an enlarged session of the Politburo.

What were the army's motives in aligning itself with Andropov in May and again in November? It was clear that the army's senior leadership was not satisfied with the situation in the country and did not consider Chernenko capable of bringing about the necessary changes.

The military was dissatisfied with the general decline of discipline in the country, by the growth of mismanagement and corruption, the weakness of the top leadership, the economic crisis in industry and agriculture, and the poor state of the national transportation system. The general officers understood that military matters and the defense industry cannot be isolated from the economy as a whole. Moreover, military leaders disapproved of the excessive glorification of Brezhnev for non-existent military deeds.

Today, the political role of the military establishment will diminish, since the main problems on the nation's agenda are the economy, internal policy and ideology.

In foreign policy, however, the role of the military will be greater than ever. It is hard to imagine, for example, that Soviet military leaders will agree to withdraw from Afghanistan. They are determined to achieve victory, even if it takes 10 or 15 years. The war in Afghanistan is not a source of dissatisfaction among army commanders. Almost all the officers serving there are volunteers. War is their profession. They count on Afghanistan to bring honors and faster career advancement.

In the sphere of strategic arms, having achieved parity with the United States, the Soviet military establishment will not agree to surrender. They do not want with America. But they will not hesitate to "press the button" should war nevertheless occur between the two countries as the result of some political decision or a tragic misunderstanding. Yet the Soviet military establishment does support the limitation of strategic arms to an acceptable level. For better than anyone, the military understands the destruction possible in nuclear war.

Bangladeshi immigrants worry American officials

By Ian Steele

NEW YORK (Dephnews) — A new group of Asian nomads has been added to the "unwanted" list of American immigration officials. They are Bangladeshis who, after years of legal appeals, are being kicked out of West Germany and have decided to try their luck in the U.S. with or without visas.

The Bangladeshis are following hard on the heels of Cubans, Haitians, Colombians and others who have landed illegally on the Caribbean coast of Florida in recent years. Some 400 of them are believed to have entered the U.S. in past months through the Bahamas. And the fear is that there could be another 15,000 like them in West Germany with similar ambitions.

Unlike the Cubans, Haitians and other Latin Americans, the Bangladeshis have two resources which bother the U.S. Government: skills which would enable them to "steal" professional jobs from Americans, and money which gives them a greater variety of transportation and cover when they set foot on American soil. An Immigration Service spokesman in Miami cites the example of six Bangladeshis who made their way to Texas and then offered a taxi driver \$1,500 to drive them to New York.

The Bangladesh-Bahamas connection has been facilitated by a hangover from colonial times. As former British territories, the Bahamas and Bangladesh (East Pakistan) have dispensed with visa formalities for "fellow colonials" who, upon arriving in Nassau, could almost row a boat the last 50 miles to Florida on a fine day.

Dwayne Peterson, chief of the Anti-Smuggling Border Patrol in Miami, says the Bangladeshis have been using commercial flights to go from West Germany to Nassau. From Nassau, they take commuter flights to the island of Bimini where they pay about \$1,000 for someone to run them the last few miles to the American coast.

Peterson describes Bimini as a notorious jumping-off point for illegal aliens who have little difficulty hiring a small boat or aircraft from the locals. Tourists are able to make a

one-way flight from Bimini to Florida by seaplane for as little as \$45. West Germany earlier clamped down on subcontinentals, particularly Bangladeshis and Indians, who want to enter the country as "asylum seekers." Thousands of them would cross into West Germany after a short trip to Berlin and seek political asylum.

The West German Constitution ensures the right of asylum to those who fear political vendetta and the accompanying legislative measures are heavily weighted in favor of those who seek it.

The legal proceedings involved usually last two to three years. Pending the disposal of their case, asylum seekers enjoy certain rights and privileges like residency, work permits and social welfare benefits which are among the most liberal in the world.

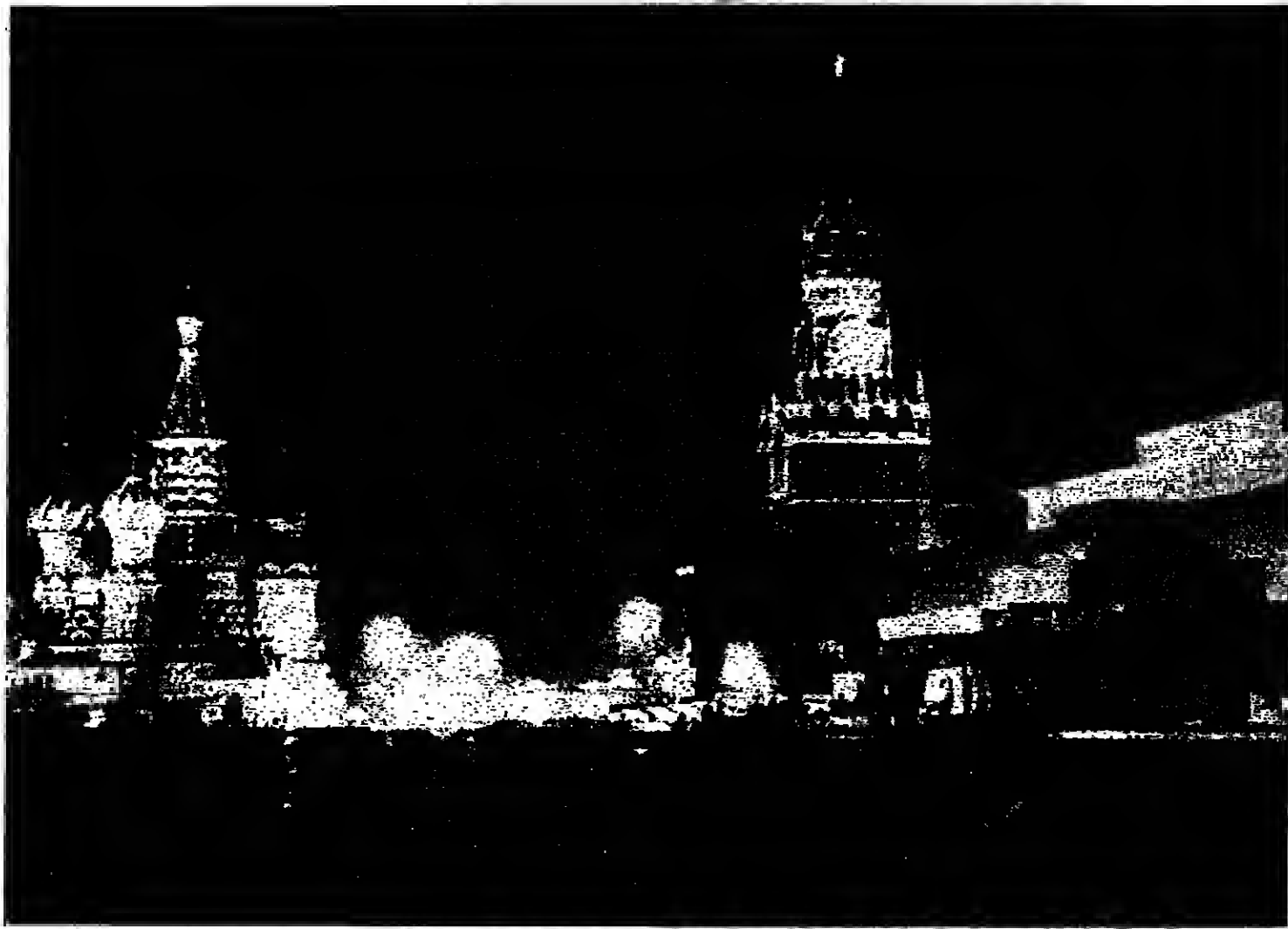
But all of these have changed. West Germany has started imposing more stringent conditions, thus making it extremely difficult for foreigners to avail of the right to asylum.

Just how long the Bahamas route will remain open to the Bangladeshis depends much on the Bahamian government and how it views American assessments of the Bangladeshis exodus from West Germany.

The case of illegal Colombian immigrants is an example. Late last year, the U.S. State Department presented evidence to Nassau that Colombians, who also enjoy freedom of movement to the Bahamas without visas, were using tourism in Bimini as an excuse to enter the U.S. illegally.

U.S. immigration officials now report that the move slowed the illegal Colombian traffic considerably. And the State Department might well ask Bahamian authorities to withdraw the free transit status granted to Bangladeshis.

So far, about 57 Bangladeshis have been arrested trying to enter the U.S. illegally. About half are confined at the Krone Detention Center in Miami awaiting deportation proceedings; the other half are in the custody of U.S. federal marshals who will use them as material witnesses against smugglers who brought them to America.



RED SQUARE: The enormous Red Square, the traditional site of parades and demonstration lies just outside the Kremlin.

World's first undersea hotel getting ready in the Caribbean

By Ruth Ryan

LOS ANGELES (LAT) — Ever wanted to be an astronaut? Ride on a space shuttle? View the earth from some distant place? Outer space will not be accessible to the general public for years. But inner space — the depths of the sea — will be in a few months. At least that is what the developers of the world's first undersea resort expect.

And that resort is being designed as a model of future technology. "It will give people a sense of outer space, living in an inner-space environment," developer Gary Gerberg said.

That environment will be in a 50-foot-long vessel once used as an undersea lab, *La Chalupa*, which means "small sinking canoe," was its name when used for the Puerto Rico International Undersea Laboratory from 1972 to 1974.

As an exclusive hotel scheduled to open next summer or earlier in the Caribbean off the east coast of Georgetown, Grand Cayman Island, it will be called "Jules' Habitat" after Jules Verne, who wrote *20,000 Leagues Under the Sea*.

But Capt. Nemo never had it so good. Verne's fictional character did not have underwater videotape cameras, television programs from all over the world or gourmet meals served by what Eric Wentworth calls a "merperson" (instead of mermaid), a hotel staffer who may bring dinner by minisubmarine.

"There is a galley so people can make their own meals, but they can also order if they want to," he explained.

Wentworth's Santa Monica, California agency — Tishkoff, Wentworth Associates — is handling publicity and sponsorship sales for Jules' Habitat.

Sponsors are expected to install and maintain at no charge their products (if the sponsors represent products that can be used in the resort) and pay a fee, to be used toward future development. The vessel for Jules' Habitat, which cost \$700,000 to \$800,000 to build but would cost more than \$1 million to replace, is fully financed, Wentworth said, by a private investment group. He calculated the cost to develop it as a hotel at \$570,000 but was quick to say that he is certain that will increase.

The primary sponsor, whose name would be incorporated into the resort's name, will be asked to pay a total of \$1.15 million over a five-year period, with \$500,000 the first year. Ten secondary sponsorships at \$75,000 each the first year and some general sponsorships at \$25,000 the first year, all renewable at 10 percent more each year thereafter, are also

being offered.

"We're hoping for a high technology company as the primary sponsor," Wentworth said, "because they could put in a number of pieces of equipment that would be state of the art. And it would be a challenge to them because there would be some problems in installing, just as there would be problems in outer space."

He estimated that the vessel, which has 620 square feet of living space and is nearly the size of two 40-foot mobile homes placed side by side, is 90 percent completed. "All the systems to make it run as a hotel are in," he said, "and now they are installing the amenities."

The vessel is in dry dock in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. When ready for occupancy, it will be towed to the Caribbean, about 480 miles away. Then it may accommodate up to four guests a day. It will have two-bedroom suites, a multipurpose room, and what Gerberg calls "a wet room," where guests may change into or out of scuba diving outfits, climb down a ladder and enter a pool, which leads to the outside. "This is also where the minisubmarine will dock," Wentworth said.

The undersea laboratory was built in 1971, but it was extensively rebuilt in 1980, before Gerberg and Ian Kohlbick, Jules' Habitat co-developer, started converting it into a hotel. "We started working on it about a year ago," Gerberg explained.

Kohlbick developed, operated and managed the vessel when it was a laboratory. Frank Milhoen, who will handle Jules' Habitat's on-site daily management, was the lab's dive director. Neil Monney, who will serve as technical consultant, lived in the lab as an aquanaut for two weeks at an ocean depth of 100 feet.

Kohlbick lived in an undersea lab for 60 days, Gerberg said, and Gerberg lived in one for two weeks. *La Chalupa* was used to test man's ability to live and work under the sea for long periods of time. Wentworth said, but he figures that most guests would want to limit their stay to a couple of days.

Many guests may want to stay a few days at the Cayman diving lodge, nearby. "We're not connected with it financially," he said, "but most likely, our onshore location will be next to it." Several thousand acres around the lodge are being designated for a national park, he added.

As planned, the onshore location for Jules' Habitat will not have overnight accommodations for guests but will include a place for orientation. Guests would not be directly responsible for operating any of the vessel's

life support systems, which have safety factors designed into the technical functions and also have back-up systems. "There will also be a module on top (of the vessel) to enable people to escape if they need to," Wentworth explained.

Guests would be required to understand how the vessel functions, learn certain rules — like there is no smoking in the habitat — and exhibit the basic skills of breathing with a regulator and mask in case of an emergency evacuation or minisub malfunction.

Large windows will provide a good view of sea life, but for the more adventurous, a tethered air supply with a 150-foot radius will allow guests to walk on the ocean floor, feeding the fish, while not worrying about wandering away from the habitat.

Sharks should not be a worry, either, as the habitat will be situated inside a barrier reef. And although guests should know about decompression, there should be no danger of the bends. Wentworth said, because the habitat will rest at a level 30 feet below the ocean's surface.

"The top of the habitat will be only 5 to 10 feet below the surface, so you could even hold your breath and float up," he said.

Guests need not be scuba divers. But divers comprise what Gerberg calls the "target market" for guests.

"There are 2.5 million scuba divers in the United States and probably another couple of million worldwide," he said. "If we get 1 percent of the 2.5 million, we will be sold out for 20 years." An estimated 40,000 divers already visit the Cayman Islands every year. However, he also expects Jules' Habitat to appeal to swimmers, divers looking for another new experience and jet setters. The daily per-person rate is targeted at \$230, including meals.

A few days a year would be reserved for what Wentworth calls "commercial use." For example, he said, "we might charge \$3,500 a day for shooting a movie like a James Bond."

Kohlbick, who knew Gerberg when both worked in the Caribbean, contacted Gerberg, who had become head of a Honolulu-based film production company. "He thought the habitat would be good for detective-type movies," Gerberg recalled, "but I thought there was a larger, untapped market for rentals."

Children would be allowed in Jules' Habitat, he said. But say a family of four plans to stay in it. The cost would be considerable. No doubt, the first undersea hotel will be limited but mainly by size. "The next one will be built from scratch and will be bigger," Wentworth said.

Briton faces angry moms in California

By William Scobie

LOS ANGELES (LOS) — On a summer evening four years ago in El Segundo, a small beach town south of Los Angeles, 19-year-old British holiday-maker Gail Jennings crashed her '69 Mustang into another vehicle, sped erratically away from the accident, ran a stop sign and knocked a boy from his bicycle before ramming a parked car.

Gary Sheehan, 13, died of brain injuries 23 days later. Gail Jennings fled California to escape trial on drunken driving and manslaughter charges.

That was the start of a costly, precedent-setting battle fought by the state of California, in the person of Harold Jeffers, all the way up through the British court system to the House of Lords. Jeffers' single-minded determination in pursuing his quarry ended last October with the dark-haired, demure-looking English girl's return, in his custody, to Los Angeles where she has spent six weeks in the Sybil Brand Women's Prison, unable to come up with a staggering \$250,000 bail.

Last week Jennings, now 23, finally pleaded no contest. When sentence is pronounced, on Dec. 30, under tough new laws aimed at curbing the drunken driver who takes some 26,000 lives annually in the U.S., she will face a bevy of angry California housewives, including the victim's mother, who plan to pack the courtroom. Already they have begun a letter-writing drive to the presiding judge, aimed at pressuring him into imposing the stiffest sentence possible — three years.

"It's ironic," said Mrs. Jeri Cole, local head of Mothers Against Drunk Drivers (MADD), the group mounting the campaign. "If this girl had faced the music in 1978, she could have plea-bargained the charge down to something like reckless driving and gone free on probation. Since then we mothers have forced them to tighten laws and inflict sterner sentences. We'd all be surprised and upset if she doesn't serve time."

Mrs. Gilberta Sheehan, 53, mother of the dead boy said: "I want her to go to jail, not for revenge, but because if she doesn't, that says to young people go ahead, break the law, get drunk and drive, hit and run. You won't be punished."

When the women of MADD go to court in a body judges are made aware of the havoc drunk drivers play with family life, said Mrs. Sheehan. "Gary has an identical twin brother, Perry, who was just devastated. He told me: Mom, I've lost half of myself."

Mrs. Cole leads a southern California chapter of MADD, which has 20,000 members nationwide lobbying for more vigorous action against drivers who drink. "Judges are elected here," she said. "They react to voters. In the Jennings case it's still within the judge's discretion to give her probation. If he didn't hear from us, he'd just see this nice English kid up there. He might think: She's young, she's sorry, why don't I do something for her?"

"In fact she's never said a word of regret. She's cost taxpayers tens of thousands in the British and U.S. courts."

This is the first time in California's legal history, according to the Los Angeles district attorney, that anyone has been extradited from a foreign country to face a driving charge here.

Prosecutor John Kildebeck, of the DA's office, welcomes the support of groups such as MADD in his task. "I'm now planning to prosecute for murder a drunken driver who killed two women — a recent state Supreme Court ruling upheld a murder conviction in a similar case — and we'll consider every drunk driving prosecution in future for possible murder charges."

But California legal aid defense counsel are alarmed. "Vigilante groups like MADD are full of dangers," said Roger Stanton, head of the office which defended Jennings here. "Can a judge disregard such pressure when he's thinking of the next election?"

The crackdown has shown results everywhere in California — except Los Angeles where in the first 10 months of 1982 alcohol-related deaths rose by 10 percent. Police plead staff shortages for a drop in arrests here.

Gail Jennings will spend New Year's Day in her cell. On her attorney's advice, she isn't talking to the media. The defense sought and won a post-holiday sentencing date in hopes that MADD mothers would be kept from court attendance.

"She's out of luck," said one member. Should the criminal proceedings fail to meet MADD expectations, a civil suit is lined up against Miss Jennings.

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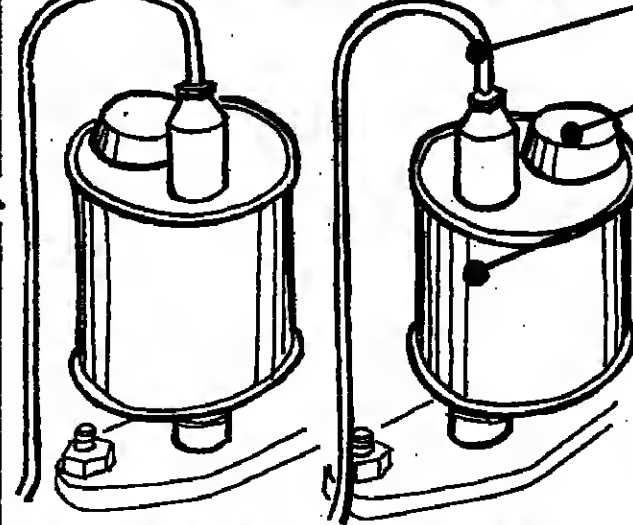
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Reagan signing ends row on spending bill

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22 (AP) — U.S. President Ronald Reagan on Tuesday signed a compromise catch-all spending bill, accepting Congress' cutting of his plans to deploy a new nuclear missile system.

The president, who spent most of his morning in meeting on the Middle East, signed the legislation at 1:51 p.m. (18:51 GMT), a White House press aide said. Deputy Press Secretary Larry Speakes had told reporters earlier in the day the president considered the bill acceptable.

Senate majority leader Howard Baker said Reagan telephoned him shortly before 2 p.m. (19:00 GMT) to announce the signing, just as opposition Democratic senators were questioning whether the president was stalling the measure in hopes of pressuring Congress on

other matters. "I was just called in the telephone by the president, who said he had signed the bill," Baker told the Senate.

"The levels are consistent with what we sought," Speakes said. He said the legislation reached the White House at 11:55 p.m. Monday (04:55 GMT) Tuesday.

Congress, rushing toward adjournment of a special session, passed the spending measure Monday night with none of the public service jobs for American unemployed workers that both the House and Senate had approved earlier.

The measure also increased aid to Israel by \$560 million despite objections from the Reagan administration that it would damage the president's Middle East peace initiative.

The president lost the \$988 million he wanted to produce the big new MX nuclear missile. Some 350,000 government workers technically were in danger of being laid off until the spending measure was passed because much of the 1983 budget still has not been passed.

Reagan's threatened veto of the spending bill, known as the "continuing resolution," forced negotiations from the Senate and House of Representatives to strip from the final bill both a \$5.4 billion House-passed jobs bill and a similar but smaller \$1.2 billion jobs package passed by the Senate.

Although Congress cut procurement money for the MX, administration sources said language in the emergency spending bill, which contains \$2.4 billion in research and development funds for the nuclear weapon, would permit the Defense Department to build five research missiles that later could be deployed after Congress approves a basing plan.

Petrol tax hike stalled

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22 (R) — A filibuster by a tight knot of Senate conservative Republicans early Wednesday postponed final congressional approval of President Ronald Reagan's bill to raise petrol taxes to finance a highway-repair jobs program.

Congress was set to adjourn Tuesday night after passage by the House of Representatives, by a 180 to 87 vote, of the petrol tax that Reagan sought to create jobs.

However, a last-minute filibuster, a "talkathon" in effect, by right-wing Republican Jesse Helms of North Carolina supported by Republican John East of the same state, prevented approval of the bill by the Senate.

Danes ready to defy EEC fishing curbs

BRUSSELS, Dec. 22 (R) — Fishing industry leaders from Denmark say they are prepared to defy new European Economic Community fishing restrictions after opposing plans for an early settlement of a common fisheries policy.

Kent Kirk, a conservative European parliamentarian and chairman of Esbjerg Fishery Society, told reporters he would sail his trawler into British waters to challenge the legality of rules which all states except Denmark are backing.

Fisheries ministers of these nine countries plan to introduce national laws restricting access to their water by other community fishermen on Jan. 1 unless Denmark hangs back and accepts a common fisheries policy by Dec. 31.

The European commission's final inducement of extra fish to Denmark was rejected by the Danish Parliament's powerful all party committee on Common Market affairs. It overruled the conservative-led minority government by declaring the offer unacceptable.

The fishing industry wants access to community waters to be freely available to all its fishermen after Jan. 1, the expiry date of a 10-year British accession agreement limiting community fishermen's rights in other member states' waters.

Danish officials say the sorts of national measures now envisaged by the community, with hefty fines for vessels caught illegally fishing, breach treaty guarantees of equal access and could be successfully challenged before the European court of justice.

Gallic pride generates distaste for advertising

PARIS, Dec. 22 (R) — France is suffering from a distaste for advertising and the press has dubbed the condition "publiphobia."

The term was coined in reports of the nation's economic ills which said that according to statistics released this month France has lagged behind its international competitors in advertising.

While the reports disagree on the causes — reticence of industrialists to advertise, government regulations or general public hostility — they are unanimous in saying that publiphobia cannot help France's stagnating economy.

According to figures quoted by the newspaper *Le Monde*, which normally supports the Socialist government, French, the world's eighth economic power, ranks only 15th in money per resident spent on advertising.

The newspaper attributed this phenomenon to unwillingness by French industrialists to invest in the aggressive marketing strategies of the modern economic world.

For the conservative weekly *La Vie Française*, not the business community but the government is at fault for the current attitudes toward "publicity" — the French word for advertising.

It said the population's ingrained publiphobia had been aggravated by the arrival of the Socialists in power last year. But the business analysts say the anti-advertising virus predates the Socialists.

They argue that both the leftists in power and the conservative business community are infected with a strong tradition of Gallic pride which insists the quality of a product should speak for itself.

The current controversy was sparked by Prime Minister Pierre Mauroy, who last month criticized French television for advertising products he described as not worth the

air-time.

The comment infuriated business leaders and the advertising industry, and sparked concern among them over a possible Socialist crackdown on advertising, already subject to tight controls imposed by previous administrations.

Under regulations in force since 1968, advertisements for items as diverse as jewelry, airlines and textiles are banned from French television. Also banned are any advertisements deemed potentially harmful to the dignity of women, to children or the French language.

Since taking power, the Socialists have ruled against any advertising on the indepen-

dent radio stations which have recently sprung up. But the government has eased regulations on TV advertising.

As for style, the arrival of the Socialists brought a burst of creativity to advertising techniques grown stale over the years. The major advertising agencies have played on the theme of socialism, with campaigns urging the public to avoid conspicuous consumption.

Whether due to industry backwardness or government rules, statistics back up the publiphobia reports. Advertising's portion of the French gross domestic product dropped from 0.92 percent in 1961 to 0.86 in 1981, a November report said.

Soviet oil output seen rising

BONN, Dec. 22 (R) — Soviet oil production will probably increase until 1985 and then level off, instead of showing a dramatic decline this decade as widely predicted, a leading West German economic institute has said.

But the West Berlin Institute for Economic Research (DIW) said in a report on the Soviet oil industry that the importance of oil exports would decrease because more oil would be needed to meet greater demand at home and because there was no prospect of higher world market prices.

The institute, which specializes in East-West trade, said Soviet exports of crude oil and oil products to the West last year totaled 52 million tons, accounting for about 60 percent of the country's hard currency earnings.

It anticipated oil and product sales to the West would fall to 15 million tons by 1990. To compensate for this expected drop, Moscow had sought to boost its natural gas

exports to the West, but had not been as successful as it had hoped, the report said.

The controversial Siberia-West Europe gas pipeline, due to come on stream in 1984, is a key part of the Soviet switch to gas exports. The institute said Moscow would be able to offset under half the decline in oil sales to the West in this way.

It ruled out growing Western dependence on Soviet energy supplies or increased hard currency earnings for Moscow. Moscow's 1990 oil production target of 630 million tons, compared to an estimated 609 million last year, was realistic, taking into account its plans for exploiting Western Siberia, the institute said.

The report said the U.S. bid to deny the Soviet Union access to Western energy technology, in response to martial law in Poland, had no noticeable effect on oil exploitation, as the United States had no monopoly, with few exceptions, on such technology.

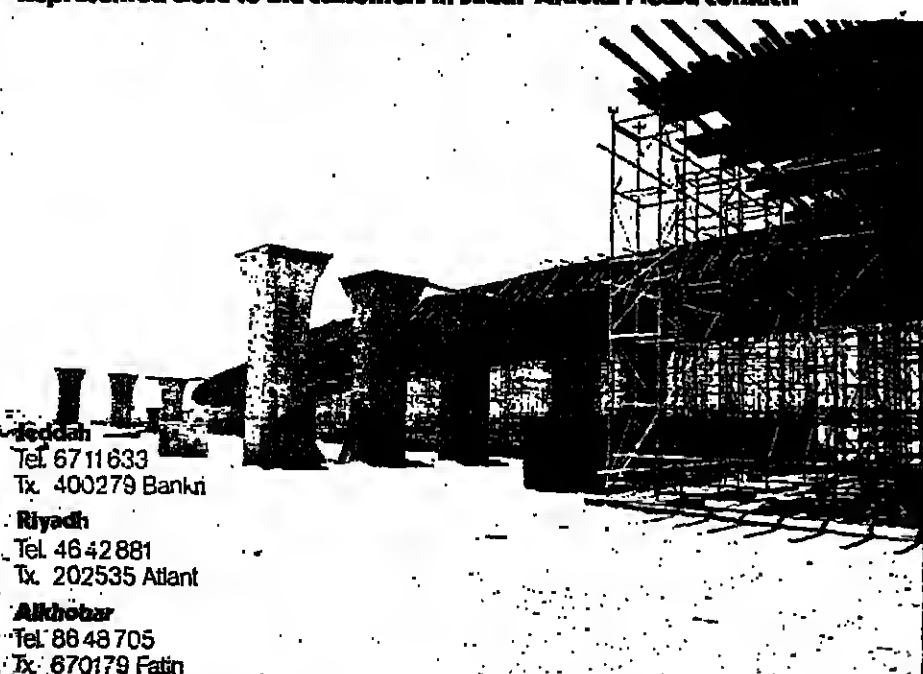
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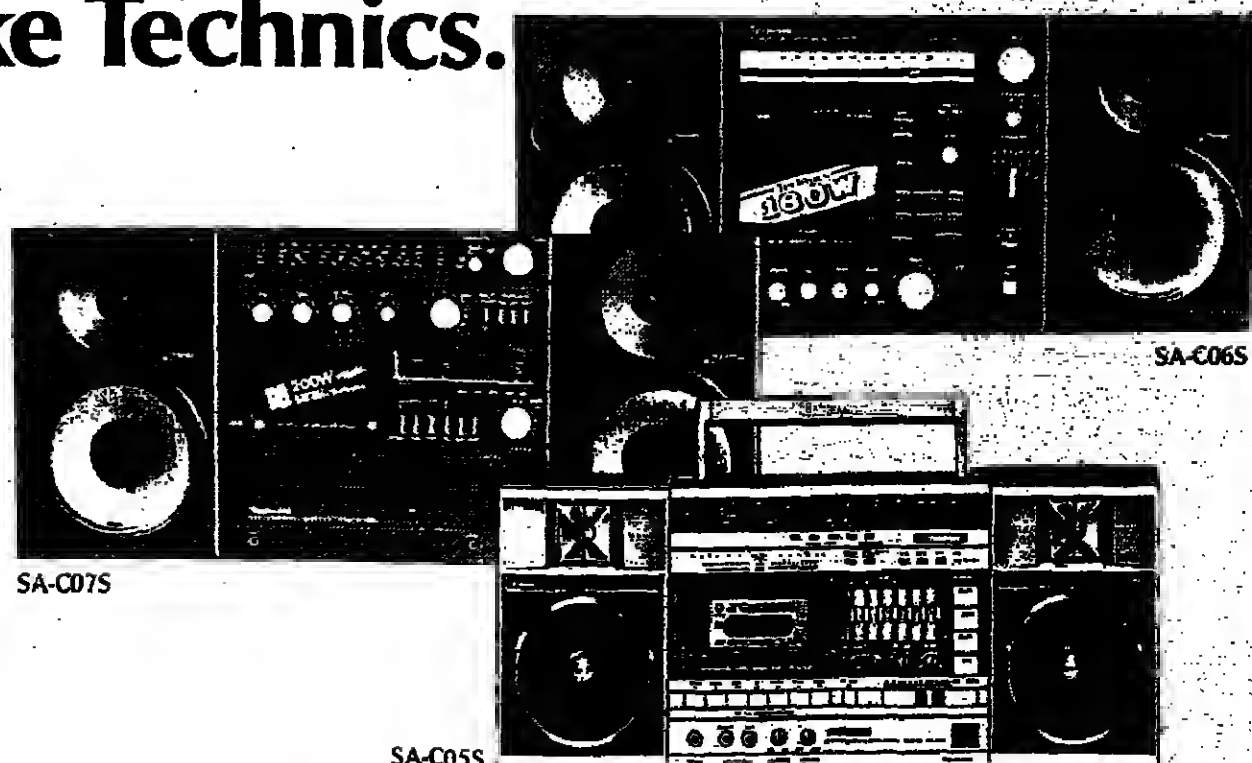
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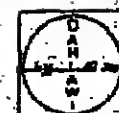
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With recession persisting

OECD jobless seen at 35m

PARIS, Dec. 22 (R) — The Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) said Wednesday it sees no end to the global recession and forecast unemployment in its 24-member countries will rise to a record of nearly 35 million.

In its bleakest forecast for years, the OECD said the recession had been unexpectedly severe and prolonged and the recovery in economic growth has been repeatedly postponed.

"There is little evidence to suggest that this mood of pessimism will dissipate soon. A lengthy period of subdued spending, particularly in respect of fixed investment, now seems likely in nearly all countries," it said in an economic outlook. The OECD, which groups the 24 major non-Communist economies, said the United States may begin a recovery early next year but it admitted that there is scant evidence of this so far.

The only bright spot in the report said inflation continues to fall more rapidly than expected and is now at its lowest for almost 10 years. But it said that the price paid for overcoming inflation could have been too

high in terms of prolonged recession and record unemployment.

It said the effect of generally restrictive policies may have been greater than intended by governments, which underestimated the international repercussions of their simultaneous tight money policies. Reducing inflation has put mounting strain on the international financial system.

The OECD said it only recently became clear how much damage high interest rates have caused to large debtor countries but added that the most disturbing longer-term feature of the outlook is the revival of protectionism in a variety of forms.

The report said the rise in unemployment over the last three years has been severe and in Europe it has seemed inexorable. It forecast that by mid-1984 almost 35 million people, or 4.5 percent of the OECD labor force, would be without a job.

This new post World War II record compares with only 24.7 million unemployed in 1981, 30.25 million at the end of this year and a predicted 33.75 million by end-1983.

In a sharp downward revision of earlier growth forecasts the OECD said real gross national product (GNP) in its area will fall 0.5 percent this year after a 1.2 percent rise in

1981. Next year growth should rise 1.5 percent before increasing at an annual rate of 2.75 percent in the first half of 1984.

Unemployment and growth prospects are worst in Europe and the OECD warned: "The longer slow growth continues in Europe the greater the risk that it will become self-perpetuating."

GNP growth in Europe will rise to only 1.5 or two percent at best by mid-1984 after falling one percent in the second half of 1982 while European unemployment may rise by nearly one million every six months to 19.5 million by mid-1984 and prospects may not improve after then.

Continuing low sales by industry will make it extremely difficult to revitalize ailing companies and encourage them to invest enough money to cut back unemployment significantly.

In these circumstances the OECD said considerable uncertainty remains on how to interpret present policies and what policies governments should follow in the future.

Inflation in the 24 OECD countries last October dropped to its lowest level since early 1973 at an average 7.2 percent, a sharp drop from the 13 percent high recorded in 1980 after the second oil price shock.

U.N. budget reduced to \$1.5 billion

UNITED NATIONS, Dec. 22 (AFP) — The United Nations General Assembly decided to cut the planned U.N. budget for 1982-83 by more than \$35 million making the new figure nearly \$1.5 billion and then later suspended its sessions after three months of uninterrupted work.

The assembly's budget decision takes into account some Soviet and American criticisms of growing U.N. expenses, and was made on a vote of 117 to 14, with 12 abstentions. But the United States and some of its allies as well as the countries of the Soviet bloc nevertheless voted against the resolution in the view that the savings made are insufficient.

All during the 37th assembly session, the United States objected to growing United Nations spending, frequently offering amendments to force strict budgeting — which were rejected with equal frequency.

U.S. ambassador Jeane Kirkpatrick, Soviet Ambassador Oleg Troyanovsky, and British Ambassador Sir John Thomson recently made a joint approach to Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar about the budget problem.

Taipei firm signs uranium deals

TAIPEI, Dec. 22 (CNA) — Taiwan Power Co. (Taipower) government enterprise of the Republic of China has recently signed two purchase contracts for uranium, one worth \$600 million with the French COGEMA Co., which will supply 2,000 tons of enriched uranium over a 10-year period, and the other with the British RTZ Co., which will provide 4,000 tons over a 15-year period.

Taipower has also signed an easy-term agreement with Banque de Paris et des Pays-Bas and four other French banks to borrow 1.5 billion French francs to help finance the deal with the French firm.

The state-run power company noted that this is the first time the Republic of China will purchase enriched uranium from sources other than the United States. The 1.5 billion French franc loan is also the largest ever extended to the Republic of China by French banks.

Taipower noted that both COGEMA Co. and the British RTZ Co. will start to supply the nuclear fuel in 1984.

Financial Roundup

Dollar rates lose ground

By J.H. Hammond

JEDDAH, Dec. 22 — The U.S. dollar lost ground on the Tuesday night New York markets. A lower Federal Reserve "Fed Fund" prime lending rate to 8 1/4 percent helped to push Eurodollar deposit rates down by between 1/16 and 1/8 percent levels. The one-month and short-term dollar rates remained relatively firm, but longer-dated funds fell back with the one-year rate now quoted at 9 3/4-10 percent levels.

It was the reassessment of the U.S. economy again that cast doubts about the future trend for the U.S. economy. The GNP figures were revised downward from a rather optimistic 0.7 percent growth in the fourth quarter of this year. Trading volumes were generally small, however, with the year-end holidays now looming in the next few days.

In the bullion markets, both gold and silver prices rose sharply in New York, with silver prices closing around 10.81 levels — up by 35 cents over Tuesday trading levels. The reason was some panic by buying in silver after President Reagan's approval of the bill limiting the sale of stockpiled silver to a certain percentage each month from the mixed production levels. On Wednesday, silver prices remained stable at around \$10.78 an ounce. Gold prices once again breached the \$450 level but fell back to \$449.50 an ounce. Still this was 58 higher compared to Tuesday prices.

On the domestic markets, royal deposit

levels were once again stable with no new surprises being thrown up. The week-fixed tenor was actively traded at around 7 1/2 percent level after opening at 7-7 1/2 percent, while in the one-month LIBOR rates, Jeddah dealers saw prices of around 7 1/2-7 3/4 percent. This was slightly down over Tuesday closing prices. The commercial exchanges and inter-bank trading was also up on Wednesday with prices of 3.4401-06, being registered but volumes were small.

The French franc rose to the top of the European Monetary System (EMS) currency band in a strong push that took prices to 6,7980 at one stage. It was only a week ago that the French franc was under EMS devaluation rumor pressure. The German was slightly stronger at 2.4030 levels while the Swiss franc was 100 points stronger at 2.0160 levels. The British pound was affected by the Vienna OPEC meeting and traded weakly at around 1.6020 to 1.6130 levels with some moderate Bank of England support. The Japanese yen was relatively unchanged at 241.30 levels despite the drop in Eurodollar rates. The yen did close firmer, however, after the Bank of Japan announced that it was not reducing its discount rate.

LONDON (AP) — Closing gold prices (in U.S. dollars per troy ounce):
 London 447.00
 Paris 443.97
 Frankfurt 448.12
 Zurich 448.75
 Hong Kong 446.34

BRIEFS

KUWAIT, (AP) — A leading Arab bank boasted that it had participated during 1982 in loans amounting to \$5.7 billion, of which \$4 billion went to the French government. Gulf United Bank officials, quoted by the Kuwaiti news agency, said the total represents 21 loans which the bank managed or co-managed during the year.

COPENHAGEN, (R) — Denmark's wholesale price index, base 1975, rose 0.97 percent in November to 208 after rising 0.5 percent in October to 206 and 0.54 percent to 187 a year earlier, the statistics bureau said. The year-on-year rise to November was 11.23 percent against 10.8 percent in October, it added.

KUWAIT, (AFP) — The Organization of Arab Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) said there were inadequate statis-

tics on energy consumption in the Arab world. In a report to Arab energy experts at OPEC headquarters here, organization spokesmen said: "The situation calls for increased coordination to collect and analyze information needed for better energy planning in the Arab world."

TAIPEI, (CNA) — Minister without portfolio K.T. Li said recently that the Chinese government authorities concerned and industrial circles should prepare for anticipated industrial innovations in which lasers may gradually replace machinery and molders within the next 20 years. He said the laser industry has developed rapidly in the United States, its technology being applied to the processing of \$1.5 million worth of industrial products in the U.S. annually.

Artists invade financial centers

LONDON, Dec. 22 (LPS) — Cameras are occasionally allowed in such city financial centers as the stock exchange, Lloyd's (the international insurance market) and the Baltic exchange, where cargo vessels are chartered, but seldom artists with brushes and pens.

The Corporate Arts Ltd, a London-based firm which specializes in hiring art into the boardroom, has successfully penetrated the three city sanctuaries with four artists, dressed for the occasion in suits, whose works, all commissioned, were sold for 10,000 pounds sterling at a one-week exhibition at a London gallery.

Miss Sarah Hodson, managing director of the firm which last year imported works from Australia for display at the Mitchell Cotts group offices in London, said all the works shown at the "artists view of the city" exhibition had been quickly snapped up. She could not recall when, if ever before, artists had been able to work on the floor of the stock exchange, either because of tradition or fear that they could get in the way of the jobbers.

Bangladesh, Nepal to promote trade ties

DHAKA, Dec. 22 (AFP) — Nepalese Ambassador Bahadur Raihandari said that there existed more scope for promotion of trade between Bangladesh and Nepal.

The official agency BSS quoted the ambassador as saying at Chittagong that the first meeting of the Nepal-Bangladesh joint economic commission (JEC) had already identified a number of commodities which could be added to the trade list between the two countries. The question of joint collaboration between Dhaka and Katmandu in some sectors had also been discussed at the JEC meeting, he said stressing that both sides should exchange trade delegations to explore further areas of cooperation.

Foreign Exchange Rates

(Quoted at 5:20 p.m. Wednesday)		
	Cash	Transfer
Bahraini Dinar	9.10	9.135
Bangladesh Taka		14.25
Belgian Franc (1,000)		73.70
Canadian Dollar		279.00
Deutsche Mark (1,000)	143.75	143.70
Dutch Guilder (1,000)	130.10	129.32
Egyptian Pound	3.25	3.28
Emirates Dirham (1,000)	93.25	93.70
French Franc (1,000)	50.90	50.82
Greek Drachma (1,000)		48.98
Indian Rupee (1,000)		35.41
Iranian Rial (1,000)		
Iraqi Dinar	6.25	24.90
Italian Lira (1,000,000)	25.05	14.40
Japanese Yen (1,000)		14.40
Jordanian Dinar	9.74	9.72
Kuwaiti Dinar	11.90	11.88
Lebanese Lira (1,000)	88.75	88.60
Moroccan Dirham (1,000)	56.00	54.60
Pakistani Rupee (1,000)	28.10	28.60
Philippines Peso (1,000)		38.30
Pound Sterling	5.58	5.56
Qatari Riyal (1,000)	93.50	94.50
Singapore Dollar (1,000)		161.32
Spanish Pesta (1,000)	28.00	27.30
Swiss Franc (1,000)	171.10	171.00
Syrian Lira (1,000)	60.25	60.45
Turkish Lira (1,000)		
U.S. Dollar	3.45	3.44
Yemeni Rial (1,000)	75.30	75.10

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As Dailey, Theus impress

Bulls check Hawks' flight

NEW YORK, Dec. 22 (AP) — Scorn is turning to cheers for Quintin Dailey, who has had his share of problems in his rookie season in the National Basketball Association.

Dailey, who succumbed to the stress of playing in the pros after his guilty plea in the assault of a nursing student, returned to the Chicago lineup Tuesday night and scored 18 points on 8-of-12 shooting as the Bulls beat the Atlanta Hawks 124-116 in double overtime.

Dailey had missed six games and was under the care of a psychiatrist before his return.

The object of criticism and protest since the Bulls chose him in the first round of this year's college draft, Dailey got a loud ovation at Chicago Stadium when he entered the game for the first time in the second quarter. He hit his first four shots and later became a key factor in Chicago's victory, twice forcing overtimes with 20-foot jumpers.

"Not only was I relaxed tonight, but I had a feeling I could really contribute," said Dailey. "When I came into the game and hit four out of four shots, my confidence really zoomed."

He added, "I really hope that I can overcome some difficulties both on and off the court to prove that I can really belong."

While Dailey did not want to speculate about his treatment, he said, "In my own way, I know I can do a good job. I can prove to myself and everyone else that I can."

In other NBA games, New York beat Milwaukee 101-94 in overtime. Detroit tripped New Jersey 103-97. Philadelphia bombed Boston 122-105. Washington trimmed Cleveland 77-74. Phoenix edged San Antonio 114-113. Dallas nipped San Diego 121-118. Seattle stopped Portland 99-94 and Golden State defeated Houston 92-85.

Reggie Theus scored eight of his game-high 29 points in the second overtime for Chicago. He scored after the opening tip for a 111-109 lead the Bulls never relinquished. Orlando Woolridge, who scored 22 points for the Bulls, added three straight points for a 114-109 advantage before Atlanta scored. David Greenwood was 0-for-10 from the field for Chicago but led the Bulls in rebounding with 15. Dominique Wilkins scored 24 points and Dan Roundfield and Rory Sparrow 22 each for Atlanta.

76ers 122, Celtics 105: Moses Malone scored a season-high 33 points and grabbed 19 rebounds as Philadelphia gave coach Billy Cunningham the 300th victory of his career.

Boston trailed by 21 points midway through the fourth quarter, but the Celtics cut the deficit to 110-100, although Larry Bird and Robert Parish were on the bench with five fouls. But baskets by Malone and Maurice Cheeks, who had 22 points for the 76ers, defused the rally.

Suns 114, Spurs 113: Kyle Macy, who scored all eight of his points in the fourth quarter, hit a 15-foot jump shot with 34 seconds remaining to give Phoenix its narrow victory over San Antonio.

Walter Davis scored 28 points and Maurice Lucas added 23 to lead the Suns, while Mike Mitchell paced the Spurs with 23. San Antonio's George Gervin missed a running hook shot with 11 seconds left.

Sonics 99, Blazers 94: David Thompson hit 14 of 20 shots from the field and finished with 31 points as Seattle handed Portland its first loss in seven games.

Thompson had 12 points in the third quarter, and his 14-footer with 3:18 to play in that period put the SuperSonics ahead for good at 68-67. That basket started a 14-4 run that put Seattle in front 80-71. Mychal Thompson had 22 points and 20 rebounds for the trial Blazers.

Knicks 101, Bucks 94: Paul Westphal hit nine of 13 shots for 19 points and had two baskets and two assists in overtime to lead New York over Milwaukee.

Westphal, who had eight assists overall, had the Knicks' first four points in the extra period, and later passed to Sly Williams and Marvin Webster for easy baskets. Bernard King, who led New York in scoring with 21 points, also had four overtime. Junior Bridgeman had 25 points for injury-plagued Milwaukee, which twice in the game had four players 6-foot-5 or under on the court.

Pistons 102, Nets 97: Rookie Cliff Levingston scored 24 points. Bill Laimbeer added 21 and both players had 13 rebounds for Detroit against New Jersey. Isiah Thomas scored the last six points for the Pistons after the Nets had pulled to within 96-95 with 1:31 left.

Bullets 77, Cavaliers 74: Greg Ballard scored 28 points and broke a 74-74 tie with a three-point play with 17 seconds remaining as Washington won its fourth straight. Cleveland dropped its seventh game in a row.

World Free scored 10 points in the fourth quarter for Cleveland as the Cavaliers rallied to take a 71-69 lead with 3:51 remaining. Ballard then hit two straight jumpers to put

the Bullets back in front.

Mavericks 121, Clippers 118: Jay Vincent scored 11 of his 25 points in the fourth quarter to spark Dallas over San Diego. The victory snapped a four-game losing streak for the Mavericks and extended the Clippers' loss to seven. Mark Aguirre led Dallas' scoring with 28 points, while Chambers paced San Diego with 28.

Warriors 92, Rockets 85: Purvis short led the warriors with 24 points and Golden State outscored Houston 25-9 in the first quarter en route to victory. The Rockets, who got 23 points from Joe Bryant, managed to take a 45-42 edge in the third period, but the Warriors regained control with a 13-6 spurt.



Reggie Theus... scores game-high 29.

U.S. may field professionals at '84 Games soccer event

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22 (AP) — A change in international rules to allow professionals to participate in the Olympics and the creation of a new Team America franchise in the North American Soccer League could land the United States a medal in the 1984 Olympic Games in Los Angeles, officials say.

John Kerr, executive director of the North American Soccer League's Players' Association, said Tuesday creation of a professional team of American players could result in a medal for the Americans.

Team America, a joint venture of the NASL and the United States Soccer Federation, would serve as the U.S. national team to develop American players for world competition. "I am confident a team of American professional could compete with 75 percent of the teams in the world," Kerr said. "And with the proper training and playing at home in 1984 I would not be surprised to see U.S. reach the final four."

The executive committee of the International Federation of Football Associations (FIFA) has proposed allowing professional soccer players to participate in the Olympics.

NASL officials are close to reaching agreement with an undisclosed private investor and corporate sponsors to bankroll a professional team of native-born Americans. "We would hope to have all the pieces for

team America completed and the puzzle put together by early January," said NASL chief-executive Howard Samuels. The NASL begins its regular season on April 28.

Samuels said the NASL, which has been reduced from 24 to 12 teams in the last two years and reportedly lost \$25 million in 1982, needs a competitive Olympic team if soccer is to succeed as a pro sport. "Pro soccer will never be considered a major sport in this country until we can prove we can play on the world level," he said. Kerr said the NASL must "Americanize" its products.

The League must stop bringing in new foreign players each year. You need to develop Americans to bring a stability and continuity to the franchises.

Samuels noted that the league is moving toward that end and that in 1983, for the first time in league history, more than half the league's players will be American.

Thrilling tie in NHL

NEW YORK, Dec. 22 (AP) — Detroit's Dwight Foster scored his seventh goal of the season at 8:58 of the third period Tuesday night to lift the Red Wings to a 5-5 National Hockey League tie with the St. Louis Blues.

In the other match, Dave Hannan scored at the 12:06 mark of the third period to give Pittsburgh a 3-2 victory over Hartford.

A bag of surprises in store for British amateur golfers

LONDON, Dec. 22 (AFP) — Many of Britain's amateur golfers will be in for a surprise when the season starts in 1983.

The new handicapping system comes into effect on January first, and the prospect is that most players will go up by few strokes.

This is because the scheme will reflect "average" performance, rather than the "best", which has been the case until now.

As it is, everyone will be increased by a stroke immediately as the handicap limit is raised from 24 to 28 with four different categories of players.

Category One now includes anyone who is plus to five handicap.

Category Two from six to 12.

Category Three from 13 to 20 and

Category Four from 21 to 28.

Every round in a qualifying competition will be noted on a player's record, and handicaps will be reduced immediately when a relative score becomes known to the player's home club. Adjustments upwards will be made at the end of each month.

Every player will have to nominate his "home" club, to which all returns must be sent, so he cannot have two different handicaps.

Another innovation in 1983 will speed the transition in this country from the small to the big ball.

Professionals have had to use the large variety for many years. It became compulsory in

Filipino champ

BAGUIO CITY, Philippines, Dec. 22 (AFP) — Mario Micayabas of the Philippines became an international master Wednesday when he won the sixth Asian Junior Chess Tournament in this northern mountain resort city.

The new champion, who played white, drew his final match with Pramod Kumar Singh of India in a Sicilian game played along the Taimanov variation. His final score was 2½ points.

Top-seeded Greg Hjorth of Australia tied Micayabas but the Filipino captured the title via the tie-breaking system as Hjorth had lost to Micayabas during their second-round match in 56 moves of a Sicilian defense.

Hjorth defeated Rafiqul Islam of Bangladesh in 15 moves of a Sicilian Game to land in second position in the overall standings and split the first and second prize money with Micayabas.

the British Open Championship in 1974, and now all British championships organized by the "Royal and Ancient" will enforce this rule.

Other national championships are following suit, and it seems likely that county and local competitions will not be far behind.

Within a decade or so the small ball could become a museum piece.

Jeddah tennis

Following is the mid-season standing in the Jeddah Tennis League:

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Watanabe bout

OSAKA, Japan, Dec. 22 (R) — Jiro Watanabe of Japan will defend his World Boxing Association (WBA) junior bantamweight title against top contender Luis Ibanez of Peru in nearby Tsu city next Feb. 24, the champion's handlers said Wednesday.

Watanabe, 27, won the crown from Rafael Pedrosa of Panama last April and successfully defended it against Argentine Gustavo Balas in July and Japan's Shoji Oguma last month.

Meanwhile, Mark Kaylor, the unbeaten English middleweight, will meet Henry Walker of Los Angeles.

It will be Kaylor's first top-of-the-bill appearance at a major arena and will begin a three-fight campaign which he hopes will take him to the British title.

After Walker, the Londoner meets Glen McEwan, of Birmingham, in a final eliminator for the championship in February.

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Botham strikes top form as England sails to 4-wkt. win

AUSTRALIA, Dec. 22 (AF)—England's Derek Randall is a doubtful starter for Sunday's fourth Test against Australia following an injury during the One-Day match against Tasmania.

Randall, who was hit in the face by a delivery from Test bowler Michael Holding, was rushed to the hospital where X-ray indicated he has a hairline fracture of a bone just below his nose, an injury which could keep him out of the Test, although a final decision is not expected until 48 hours.

With the openers both falling for one run apiece in the first two overs, Randall faced Holding, widely regarded as the fastest bowler in the world, and was hit full in the face by a delivery which shot up viciously, as he tried to play a defensive stroke.

The ball caught him just above his mouth, driving a tooth clean through his top lip and he immediately fell to his knees as the fielders

raced to his aid. He was helped from the field and taken to the hospital.

The loss of Randall was a serious blow for England, replying to a meager Tasmanian total of 112 from 42.5 overs, a target they should have had little trouble matching.

It was left to Ian Botham to provide the excitement and the runs, which he did in vintage style, showing glimpses of the form which made him one of the world's best all-rounders, a warning for the Australians just before the Melbourne Test.

With Botham in full cry, hitting a sparkling 56 despite a pitch which produced uneven bounce, England eventually cruised to a four-wicket victory in just 23.4 overs.

In one over alone, Botham scored 17 runs, hitting Phil Blizzard for four successive fours. Botham, whose knock included a six and a total of ten fours, was ably supported by the young wicketkeeper Ian Gould, who made 29.

In Abdullah Hashim League

Ishtiaq sees Petromin thru

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, Dec. 22 — Medium-pacer Ishtiaq bowled Petromin to an exciting 37-run win over fancied Abdullah Hashim in the Abdullah Hashim Cricket League last weekend.

The match saw a strange comparison, while Petromin began slowly and went on to aggregate 204 runs, Abdullah Hashim started on a whirlwind note but ultimately crashed, being all out for 167.

Openers Omer and Qazi began the Petromin innings and slowly put on 34 runs before being separated with Omer contributing 25 runs and Qazi 14. But they were soon 55 for two. However, a third-wicket stand of 100 runs between Parvaiz (49) and Jawaid, who remained unbeaten on 71, boosted their innings.

But the exit of Parvaiz, who was brilliantly caught at long-off, saw a sudden slump when they were 156 for six, but once again Jawaid together with Farid Zafar, who was rather brisk in gathering his runs, Petromin were able to total 204.

In sharp contrast, Abdullah Hashim, began on a breezy note, with opener Tariq smashing a six in the very first over and then in the next

lifted the ball over the fence on two successive occasions raising visions of an easy victory. But that was not to be, for the Petromin bowlers kept on the pressure to come out victors.

Ishtiaq claimed four wickets conceding 40 runs while off-spinner Jawaid grabbed two quick wickets at the expense of 35 runs. Alam too had an hand in the destruction with two for 46.

The other match saw Pak Young record a 53 runs victory over Dallah Avoc. Pak Young, making first use of the wicket scored 200 runs thanks to bright knocks by Rahat (34), Shahid (25) and Humayun (53). Dallah in reply could muster just 147 runs with Salman (40), Arif (26) and Khalid Masoon (15) being the main contributors. The bowler to catch the eye in this match was Pak Young's Amjad Kiani, who claimed five for 58.

The third match saw Saad Electronics maintain their winning streak. They beat Zahid Tractors by 54 runs.

With Akbar contributing 55 runs and Mo'in Beg 47, added to some decent scores by the other batsmen, Saad Electronics aggregated 213 runs and then dismissed Zahid Tractors for 159 runs.



WEE BIT LATE: Tasmania's Stan Ried is a wee bit late in making the crease as England wicketkeeper Ian Gould knocks the balls to force Ried to return to the pavilion. Looking on is England bowler Geoff Miller and Tasmania batsman Stuart Samuels.

Italian skier steals the show

MADONNA DI CAMPIGLIO, Italy, Dec. 22 (AFP) — Michael Mair of Italy produced an upset when he ended the year on a winning note with a victory in the Super-Giant Slalom at the men's Alpine Skiing World Cup meeting here Wednesday.

Mair, a burly 20-year-old policeman, covered the course in 1 min 43.71 sec to edge Austria's Hans Enn into second place by 0.12 sec, with Pirmin Zurbriggen of Switzerland, the winner of the combined, in third place a further 0.12 sec slower.

It was Mair's first World Cup win, in the last race before the competition resumes in January. His previous best performances was a third place in the downhill of the combined at the World Championships in Schladming, Austria, last year, and a fourth place in the World Cup Downhill at Garmish.

But his victory owed a lot to the misfortune of Switzerland's Peter Mueller, winner of the first Super-G of the season at Val d'Isere. The Swiss skier was ahead of everyone when he lost a ski, just seven gates from the

end of the course, and although he somehow managed to finish, his desperate efforts on one ski was rewarded only with 19th place.

Despite his lowly position Wednesday, Mueller holds on to the lead in the World Cup table with 81 points. The next men's World Cup skiing event is the Slalomni Parpan in Switzerland on Jan. 4.

Zurbriggen's win in the combined puts him just two points behind his compatriot Mueller at the head of the World Cup table, with a total 78 points to Mueller's 80.

Swedish star Ingemar Stenmark failed to shine in his first outing in a Super-G race, an event he has frequently criticized as being little more than a glorified downhill. He finished 75th after a cautious run, but that coupled with his second place in the Slalom Tuesday was enough to put him into eighth place in the combined.

Stenmark's efforts brought him a further eight World Cup points, which could prove priceless in his duel with Phil Mahre of the United States when the season resumes in the New Year.

BRIEFS

NEW YORK (R)— Martina Navratilova, who beat Chris Evert Lloyd in the final of the 1982 Women's Tennis Circuit Championship two days ago, was Tuesday named world's top ranking women's player by a U.S. tennis magazine. Czechoslovak-born Navratilova, No. 1 in the *Tennis Magazine* rankings in 1979, displaced fellow American Lloyd who held the top ranking for the last two years.

ALGIERS, (AFP) — Organizer of the Paris-Dakar Rally, Thierry Sabine left here Wednesday for Paris still without signing the agreement which would allow the rally to cross Algerian territory. Sabine has apparently asked for a 48 hour breather before he approves the terms of the agreement set by the Touring Club of Algeria.

CARDIFF, (AFP) — The Welsh Rugby Union Tuesday announced that they will, after all, hold an inquiry into the "boots affair", following allegations made during a BBC television program last week. The Rugby Union had originally said there would be no inquiry, in the absence of any proof that players had received money to wear a certain manufacturer's boots in international matches.

MIAMI BEACH, Florida (AP) — Top-seeded Pascual Payadis of France was upset by an American Tuesday in the third round of the Ellipse Orange Bowl Junior Tennis Championships. Anne Grosbeck, the No. 16 seed, ousted Payadis 6-3, 6-0 in a match at Miami Beach's Flamingo Park.

Soccer tid-bits

West Ham moves ahead

LONDON, Dec. 22 (Agencies) — West Ham qualified for the quarterfinals of the English Football League with a fluent 3-0 victory over Notts County here Tuesday. They are now away to Liverpool.

Meanwhile, Wales hope to organize a football international against Brazil on June 8 at the Ninian Park Stadium here, following the cancellation of England's South American visit at the end of the season.

"We are very interested in playing them," said Alan Evans, secretary of the Welsh Football Association, who plans to send a telex invitation to Brazil this week.

"The only problem could be the cash guarantees they are likely to demand but if we couldn't fill Cardiff for that one, we might as well give up," he said.

Brazil's plans are still not known but it is thought that a match against Portugal is already on the cards. Wales currently lead their group in the European Championship and it was only due to inferior goal-difference that Wales failed to qualify for this year's World Cup finals in Spain.

President of the European Football Union, UEFA, Artemio Franchi has approached the Swedish Football Association in the hope they will agree to the postponement of the Sweden versus Italy European Nations Championship qualifying Group Five match next year.

The match was originally scheduled for May 26 1983 in Gothenburg, but Franchi, an Italian, is to ask the Swedes if it can be rearranged at a later date. The reason, appar-

ently, is that the European Club Champions Cup final takes place in Athens the previous day, May 25, and in their own country Italian champions Juventus are considered to have a good chance of winning the Cup.

An open invitation to join Paris St. Germain is made to French international captain Michel Platini, by Paris S.G. Chairman Francis Borelli, in the French sports daily *L'Equipe*.

In an open letter to Platini, now playing for Juventus of Italy, Borelli says, "I understand that you have been having all sorts of trouble at Juventus". He went on to assure the former St. Etienne player, who has never played for Paris S.G. "My door is always open to you."

"You know that you will be welcomed with open arms at Paris St. Germain," he continued. "And that we will know how to take care of you properly, simply because your place is in France, in Paris and that everyone is waiting for you."

Later Borelli told a radio station here that the interview had been given in a fairly light-hearted vein but he would certainly welcome Platini.

Platini's recent dissatisfaction with Juventus apparently stems from the match against Inter Milan on Sunday when he was put back into a defensive position "Which is not my style," as he told the Italian press. Argentinian international Ossie Ardiles has just left Paris St. Germain and will rejoin First Division English club in the New Year.

Australians to the fore

ADELAIDE, Australia, Dec. 22 (AP) — Four Australians advanced to the quarterfinals of the \$75,000 South Australian (men's) Open Tennis Championships in another day of upsets at the Memorial Drive courts here Wednesday.

Chris Johnstone was the first Australian to secure his place and he was quickly followed by fourth seed Pat Cash, Brod Dyke and in the last second round match of the day, Grey Whitecross.

Johnstone ended the dream run of Australian junior Peter Carter, who Tuesday shocked the tennis world with his win over Australian veteran John Alexander.

Wimbledon and United States junior champion Cash was in top form in his second round match and cruised to an easy win over New Zealander Jeff Simpson. Dyke did not have it quite as easy and took three sets to down another New Zealander, Bruce Derlin, on an outside court.

But the highlight of the day was Whitecross's surprise win over eighth seed Jeff Borowiak of the United States. The hard serving 21-year-old huddled out Borowiak in three tight sets with a 4-6, 7-6, 7-6 win.

With the exit of Borowiak, only three seeded players remain and Cash, the fourth

seed, and American Mike Depalmer must now be the favorites to take out the tournament.

Meanwhile, Jose Luis Clerc of Argentina and Yannick Noah of France are the final two players to qualify for the 12-man 1983 Volvo Masters, it was announced Tuesday by tournament director Ray Benton.

Heading the Madison Square Garden field for the \$400,000 playoff event of the 1982 Volvo Grand Prix will be Jimmy Connors and defending Masters champion Ivan Lendl of Czechoslovakia.

Other singles qualifiers are Guillermo Vilas of Argentina, John McEnroe, Mats Wilander of Sweden, Vitas Gerulaitis, Jose Higueras of Spain, Johan Kriek, Andres Gomez of Ecuador and Steve Denton.

Five of the 12 qualifiers — Wilander, Kriek, Gomez, Denton and Noah — are making their first appearances in the championship.

This year the Volvo Masters not only will feature an enlarged field — 12 players in singles and six teams in doubles — but also a straight knockout format with the top four singles finishers on the Volvo Grand Prix receiving byes into the quarterfinals.

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Bulgaria begins trial of Italians

VIENNA, Dec. 22 (AP) — Two Italians went on trial for espionage in Bulgaria Wednesday as officials reportedly denied the case was connected with Rome's charges of Bulgarian involvement in the shooting of Pope John Paul II.

The trial opened in a Sofia municipal court, but was adjourned after defense attorneys asked for more time to interview witnesses, according to a dispatch received here from Bulgaria's official BTA news agency.

BTA said the trial of Paolo Faraciti, 35, and Gabriela Trevisin, 26, will resume at a date to be announced later. The two were arrested last August for allegedly photographing military sites in Bulgaria.

Meanwhile, a report in Austria's *Die Presse* newspaper said Bulgaria denied that the espionage trial was a retaliation for Italian charges of Bulgaria's complicity in the May,

1981 shooting of the pope.

Die Presse reported Bulgarian Foreign Ministry press chief Georgi Jowkov denied in an interview that the two Italians were brought to trial in reaction to Italy's arrest of Bulgarian Airline official Sergei Ivanov Antonov, who is charged with complicity in the papal assassination attempt.

The Italians were arrested on Aug. 26, BTA said. Antonov, the Rome station chief of the Bulgarian national airline, was arrested on Nov. 25. "The two Italians were arrested for concrete actions taken against the security of Bulgaria," Jowkov was quoted as saying.

BTA said although there are no such legal agreements between Bulgaria and Italy, Italian lawyer Rodolfo Lena was allowed to represent the defendants in court.

Italian and Bulgarian journalists were allowed into the trial, but requests for admis-

sion from other Western correspondents were turned down. Representatives from the Italian Embassy in Sofia were also present at the morning proceedings, BTA said.

The espionage trial opened amid renewed Bulgarian criticism of Western reports on Sofia's alleged involvement in the assassination attempt.

In a lengthy seven-page dispatch entitled "campaign for misinformation" BTA examined reports from Italy, France, West Germany and Turkey. The agency said that French reports of the affair amounted to a "campaign fact-twisting," while U.S. reports were "comparatively unprejudiced."

Italian investigators have charged that three Italian men are implicated in the papal shooting, and that Bulgaria allegedly aided Turkish terrorist Mehmet Ali Agca in the assassination attempt.

Objection dropped against Pakistan

LONDON, Dec. 22 (R) — Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi has dropped objections to the readmission of Pakistan to the Commonwealth after an absence of more than 10 years, a member of the British Parliament said.

"Teddy Taylor told Reuters Tuesday he understood Mrs. Gandhi, who objected to Pakistan's readmission before the country returned to civilian rule, changed her mind after meeting President Muhammad Zia ul-Haq in New Delhi last month."

Taylor, whose constituency in the south-east England town of Southend includes large numbers of immigrants from the Indian sub-continent, said he had been in touch with Pakistani representatives in London.

President Zia said during a visit to the Far East last month Pakistan wanted to rejoin the 45-nation Commonwealth but with dignity and honor. "We should just be invited. It is as simple as that," he said.

U.S. vote in U.N. flayed

PEKING, Dec. 22 (R) — China Wednesday attacked the United States for casting the sole vote against a United Nations motion banning the export of dangerous goods prohibited in the country of origin.

The Communist Party newspaper *People's Daily* said former President Jimmy Carter had signed an executive order approving the ban, but Reagan had ordered the United States to vote against it at the U.N. citing "excessive regulation."

The ban, approved by 146 votes to one, was aimed at children's clothing treated with carcinogen in chemicals, it added. "Thus, the U.S. government has as good as told the world the United States will export goods which are harmful to the people of other countries."

"By having the audacity to flaunt at the U.N. this attitude of profiting itself at other nations' expense, the United States will become absolutely isolated, and it will be an inglorious isolation," the paper said.

Jaruzelski says Poland overcoming troubles

MOSCOW, Dec. 22 (R) — Polish military leader Wojciech Jaruzelski said Wednesday Poland was overcoming serious difficulties with the help of the Soviet Union. And he charged that the United States was trying to harm Poland in every way it could.

Gen. Jaruzelski was the fourth of Moscow's East European allies to speak at celebrations marking the 60th anniversary of the formation of the Soviet Union. He told a Kremlin gathering: "We are overcoming serious difficulties and the aid of the Soviet Union is invaluable."

But in his 10-minute address the Polish leader made no reference to specific conditions inside Poland or to Warsaw's decision to suspend martial law on Dec. 31. According to an official English translation of his speech recorded at the Kremlin gathering, Gen. Jaruzelski said Poland was in the "front line

of the global class struggle."

He went on: "The United States is trying to harm Poland in any way it can. The United States is attempting to dismantle the postwar peaceful settlement..." The remainder of the comment was drowned by applause from the 5,000 delegates representing foreign Communist leaders as well as Soviet state and party representatives.

Gen. Jaruzelski said: "People's Poland will not give in to outside pressure... it will never be a card in somebody else's cynical game..." He added: "We are able to resolve our difficult internal problems by ourselves."

Referring to "unbreakable friendship" between Poland and the Soviet Union, he said the internationalist content of these relations had become evident in the recent Polish troubles. Soviet-Polish ties, he said, resided on mutual respect and equality.

Prince William charms Britons

LONDON, Dec. 22 (AP) — Clutching a yellow teething rattle, 6-month-old Prince William charmed his future subjects with smiles and coos Wednesday during a photo session at Kensington Palace.

At first, Princess Diana held her son on her knee, but then handed him over to his father, Prince Charles. The royal couple took turns holding William's hands and tickling his stomach.

One mystery, the color of the prince's hair, was cleared up by the photo call. It is straight and blond, not red as rumored. Although no teeth are visible, they are clearly on the way.

The blue-eyed William, sporting a white silk romper suit, grinned widely and alternately shook and gnawed on his rattle throughout the 20-minute session.

Laughing, Charles and Diana propped William on the pink cushions of a sofa and lifted him high in the air. Charles said he and Diana were "besotted" with their son.

It was William's first public appearance since his christening Aug. 4. The prince, sec-

und in line to the throne behind his father, was born at St. Mary's Hospital in London on June 21, exactly six months from Wednesday. The photo session took place in Diana's white and pink study overlooking the gardens of Kensington Palace in west London, where the family has a suite of apartments.

Press Association, the British domestic news agency, said the 21-year-old Diana suggested the photo session because she wanted the world to share her pride in William. The princess wore a red sailor suit for the occasion, and her 34-year-old husband wore a plain lounge suit.

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Thatcher visits Ulster

Arrives unannounced, sees bombing victims

BELFAST, Dec. 22 (AP) — Amid tight security, Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher arrived unannounced in this troubled province Wednesday and visited survivors of a pub bombing that killed 17 persons, including 11 British soldiers.

Mrs. Thatcher, on her first visit here since May 1981 at the height of the Irish Republican Army hunger strike, shuttled by helicopter and a red bullet-proof sedan between the capital and the border county of Armagh.

She spent a half hour at the military wing of Musgrave Park Hospital near Belfast where survivors of the Dec. 7 bombing at the Droppin Well bar in Ballykelly are being treated. Sixty-six persons were injured in the blast.

The Irish National Liberation Army, Marxist offshoot of the outlawed IRA, claimed responsibility for the attack, which Mrs. Thatcher said at the time was "one of the most horrific crimes in Ulster's tragic history."

The prime minister arrived from London at the Royal Air Force Base in Aldergrove outside Belfast and immediately flew by helicopter to Bangor, 24 kilometers northwest.

Accompanied by her husband, Denis, and Northern Ireland Secretary James Prior, she walked briefly through the streets of down-

town Bangor. The party was flanked by plainclothes security police.

She also was to visit British troops and Northern Ireland police at Bessbrook, County Armagh, an area known locally as "bandit country" because of frequent attacks on security forces near the Irish Republic border.

The government gave no advance word of Mrs. Thatcher's trip, and officials briefed reporters only after each stop. "We're very tightly tied on this one," said a Northern Ireland Office spokesman.

After Mrs. Thatcher's helicopter landed on the grounds of Bangor's Glenola Collegiate School, Headmaster Jim Haigan said: "The first I knew of any visit was when we were asked to clear snow from the steps leading from the hockey field."

Ghana Army leave off

LOME, Dec. 22 (APF) — All leave in the Ghanaian Army has been canceled and soldiers on leave must return to barracks. Radio Ghana announced Wednesday, monitored in the Togolese capital.

Ghanian radio, which made the announcement during the midday news bulletin, did not give the reason for the measure. It said that soldiers could only leave their base on orders of Ghanaian head of state Jerry Rawlings or the army chief, Brig Arnold Quainoo.

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Beirut	10	30	17	63	cloudy	New Delhi	-6	43	22	72	clear
Belgrade	6	43	15	59	cloudy	New York	2	36	5	41	clear
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Brussels	1	34	6	43	rain	Oahu	0	32	7	34	cloudy
Buenos Aires	23	73	32	90	clear	Paris	3	37	7	45	cloudy
Caracas	20	68	28	82	cloudy	Peking	-1	30	4	39	cloudy
Casablanca	-8	18	1	34	cloudy	Rio de Janeiro	1	24	30	86	cloudy
Copenhagen	4	39	5	41	cloudy	Rome	10	50	15	59	rain
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Frankfurt	4	39	6	43	rain	Seoul	-7	34	-8	46	cloudy
Geneva	3	37	7	45	cloudy	Singapore	25	73	26	79	rain
Helsinki	4	39	6	43	cloudy	Stockholm	-2	28	4	39	rain
Hong Kong	14	57	19	66	clear	Sydney	17	63	24	75	clear
Jakarta	25	77	30	86	rain	Taipei	10	50	17	63	clear
Kuala Lumpur	23	73	31	88	rain	Tokyo	8	46	9	48	rain
London	2	36	6	43	clear	Toronto	-2	27	0	32	cloudy
Los Angeles	14	57	19	63	cloudy	Vancouver	3	37	7	45	cloudy
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